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M.W. Bro. S. Y. TAYLOR . . . Grand Secretary





E. T. BISHOP, Grand Master 1916

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twelfth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Banff, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 30th, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

P R E S E N T

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. H. Darling (91), Edmonton	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (59), Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman (64), Bow Island	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh (51), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy (47), Cowley	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. A. Towns (72), Coronation	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Wilson (90), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. E. Quayle (49), Carmangay	D.D.G.M.
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. Macdonald (1), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1), Calgary	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), Calgary	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. C. W. Field (92), Edmonton	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), Redcliff	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. D. McMillan (47), Cowley	Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55), Bassano	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. F. Casteel (19), High River	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (88), Grouard	Grand Pursuivant

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. Macdonald (1), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin (1), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary	Past Grand Master

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Arkansas	M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay	Calgary
Canada	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
Florida	V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington	Banff
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge	Camrose
Kansas	M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair	Calgary
Manitoba	M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin	Calgary
New Hampshire	W. Bro. H. J. Robie	Calgary
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. Macdonald	Calgary
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	Calgary
Utah	M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop	Edmonton
Virginia	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	Calgary
Wisconsin	M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	Calgary

PAST MASTERS

W. Bro. John Gillespie	No. 1
M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin	" 1
R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs	" 1
M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay	" 1
M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald	" 1
W. Bro. W. E. Mercer	" 1
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	" 1
W. Bro. T. Rankine	" 1
R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray	" 2
W. Bro. James I. Brewster	" 5
R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore	" 5
V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington	" 5
W. Bro. Wm. Warren	" 5
W. Bro. R. M. Moore	" 8
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair	" 9
R.W. Bro. W. W. Connacher	" 9
W. Bro. A. S. Estey	" 9
W. Bro. H. J. Robie	" 9
W. Bro. Alfred Chard	" 10
W. Bro. G. T. Montgomery	" 10
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop	" 14
W. Bro. F. B. Watson	" 15
V.W. Bro. J. F. Casteel	" 19
W. Bro. A. V. Bilton	" 23
R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed	" 24
W. Bro. J. S. Reid	" 25
W. Bro. G. E. Cruikshank	" 26
W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson	" 26
W. Bro. W. E. Hall	" 28
R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	" 28
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	" 28
W. Bro. A. W. Trickey	" 28
W. Bro. W. A. Ackland	" 28
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill	" 29
W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins	" 33
R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry	" 34
W. Bro. E. A. Bell	" 35
R.W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett	" 35
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart	" 35

R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge	37
W. Bro. Percy Fielding	38
W. Bro. J. C. Merkel	40
W. Bro. F. E. Nichol	43
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W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell	45
W. Bro. A. J. McCauley	46
R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy	47
W. Bro. H. D. McMillan	47
R.W. Bro. A. E. Quayle	49
R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh	51
W. Bro. A. W. Richards	51
R.W. Bro. G. Frank Butler	53
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W. Bro. D. Boyd	54
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R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman	64
W. Bro. W. S. Jeffers	65
W. Bro. A. Williamson	67
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher	70
W. Bro. Chas. Pratt	71
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W. Bro. L. D. Nesbitt	73
W. Bro. D. H. Galbraith	74
W. Bro. Wm. J. Haynes	75
R.W. Bro. Alex. M. McKee	75
W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins	81
R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby	83
W. Bro. J. C. Mills	84
W. Bro. W. C. Hutchinson	85
W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs	88
R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson	90
R.W. Bro. H. Darling	91
R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm	91
V.W. Bro. C. W. Field	92

AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS

W. Bro. A. McRae	W.M.	No. 1
Bro. P. A. Sargent	S.W.	" 1
W. Bro. J. McCandie	W.M.	" 2
W. Bro. D. McNabb	W.M.	" 4
W. Bro. John Watters	W.M.	" 5
Bro. L. S. Crosby	S.W.	" 5
Bro. R. B. Moore	J.W.	" 5
W. Bro. L. M. Muir	W.M.	" 7
W. Bro. T. M. Allen	W.M.	" 9
W. Bro. E. C. DeRousie	W.M.	" 10
W. Bro. F. A. McEwan	W.M.	" 12
Bro. C. H. Stone	S.W.	" 12
W. Bro. Geo. I. Graham	W.M.	" 14
Bro. W. F. Bliss	S.W.	" 16

W. Bro. J. A. Kerr	W.M.	"	18
Bro. E. F. Thomson	S.W.	"	19
W. Bro. Geo. A. Welch	W.M.	"	22
W. Bro. A. J. Davis	W.M.	"	23
Bro. E. M. McCammon	S.W.	"	23
Bro. F. J. Smith	J.W.	"	26
W. Bro. A. W. Strathern	W.M.	"	28
Bro. E. P. Withrow	S.W.	"	28
W. Bro. McKeen Hunter	W.M.	"	30
W. Bro. R. H. Anderson	W.M.	"	31
Bro. C. A. Hersey	J.W.	"	33
W. Bro. G. McN. Blackstock	W.M.	"	35
W. Bro. H. Scott	W.M.	"	36
W. Bro. Jno. Douglas	W.M.	"	37
W. Bro. T. R. Davidson	W.M.	"	39
W. Bro. S. Spicer	W.M.	"	41
Bro. M. G. Cardell	S.W.	"	44
Bro. G. F. Snyder	S.W.	"	47
W. Bro. A. Redman	W.M.	"	50
W. Bro. A. Graham Walker	W.M.	"	51
Bro. W. G. Young	S.W.	"	59
Bro. Hugh McPherson	J.W.	"	59
W. Bro. Lewis M. Cook	W.M.	"	60
W. Bro. G. H. Lucas	W.M.	"	61
W. Bro. E. Fidler	W.M.	"	63
W. Bro. A. Williamson	W.M.	"	67
W. Bro. John D. McKenzie	W.M.	"	68
Bro. C. H. Ballard	J.W.	"	69
Bro. Chas. V. Gibson	J.W.	"	70
W. Bro. E. M. Clark	W.M.	"	74
W. Bro. E. N. Rose	W.M.	"	75
W. Bro. A. M. Dallas	W.M.	"	77
W. Bro. W. C. Stirling	W.M.	"	78
Bro. H. G. McCrea	S.W.	"	78
Bro. A. T. Garland	J.W.	"	78
W. Bro. W. G. Mortimer	W.M.	"	79
Bro. A. T. Ross	S.W.	"	80
W. Bro. W. C. Stirling	W.M.	"	81
W. Bro. R. Wood	W.M.	"	83
Bro. W. H. A. Thompson	J.W.	"	83
W. Bro. E. G. Ogilvie	W.M.	"	84
Bro. Geo. W. Edwards	J.W.	"	84
W. Bro. P. M. Christopher	W.M.	"	85
W. Bro. A. Nichols	W.M.	"	87
W. Bro. Sam Harris	W.M.	"	88
W. Bro. R. Moss	W.M.	"	90
W. Bro. M. C. Wright	W.M.	"	91
W. Bro. W. N. Condell	W.M.	"	92
Bro. C. S. Trueman	S.W.	"	94
W. Bro. S. J. Byers	W.M.	"	U.D.

OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and with prayer.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. Major G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the Eleventh Annual Communication, held in the City of Banff, on May 31st and June 1st, 1916, and as appear in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:—

As your presiding officer, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the deliberations of Grand Lodge, and bearing in mind the momentous times through which we are passing, I hope that we will bring to the discussion of the various matters that may engage our attention a particularly sincere desire to decide all things in the best interest of the Fraternity.

I will outline as briefly as possible my various official activities upon which I am required to report, and shall recommend to your consideration those matters which appear to me to be of immediate importance to the Order.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

June 9th, 1916, at Patricia Lodge No. 91, I installed V.W. Bro. Macleod as Grand Junior Deacon.

On August 25th, 1916, at Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, Athabasca, I installed V.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas as Grand Steward.

On September 21st, 1916, at Innisfail Lodge No. 8, I installed R.W. Bro. J. A. Wilson as D.D.G.M. of District No. 4.

LODGES CONSTITUTED

The following are the Lodges which I had the pleasure of constituting during my term of office:—

PATRICIA LODGE No. 91

On June 9th, 1916, accompanied by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, V.W. Bro. C. W. Field, R.W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm, and V.W. Bro. D. N. Macleod, I dedicated the Masonic Hall where Patricia Lodge meets, constituted the Lodge and installed the officers.

NORWOOD LODGE No. 90

On June 10th, 1916, accompanied by the three local district deputies and other Grand Lodge officers, I dedicated the Masonic Hall of Norwood Lodge, constituted the Lodge and installed the officers.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE No. 92

On June 16th, assisted by the local district deputies and other Grand Lodge officers, I constituted this lodge at Edmonton.

WAHPUN LODGE No. 88, AT GROUARD

On July 21st, 1916, accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, I dedicated the Masonic Hall at Grouard, constituted the Lodge and installed the officers.

PEACE RIVER LODGE No. 89

On the 26th of July, 1916, accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. P. Reid and V.W. Bro. C. W. Field, I dedicated the hall of Peace River Lodge, the most northerly lodge in the jurisdiction. On the same occasion I constituted the lodge and installed the officers.

INSTALLATIONS

In addition to the installations already mentioned I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following Lodges:—

Norwood Lodge No. 90, Patricia Lodge No. 91, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, at a joint installation on June 26th, 1916.

Edson Lodge No. 68 on July 1st, 1916.

Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57, Bow Island Lodge No. 64 at a joint installation at Grassy Lake on December 27th, 1916.

North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Charity Lodge No. 67, at Lethbridge on December 28th, 1916.

Strathcona Lodge No. 77, at Edmonton, on December 29th, 1916.

VISITS

I have made over thirty visits to the Lodges, and have succeeded, by means of joint and individual meetings, in visiting forty-seven Lodges. Owing to an accident, I was unable to travel for about three months, otherwise I would have visited many of the other Lodges which I was for this reason unable to reach.

The following were the Lodges visited:—

Bow River Lodge No. 1, at which all the Calgary Lodges were represented.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.

Mizpah Lodge No. 35.

Edmonton Lodge No. 7.

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Acacia Lodge No. 11.
Jasper Lodge No. 14.
Unity Lodge No. 51.
Empire Lodge No. 63.
Strathcona Lodge No. 77.
Commercial Lodge No. 81.
Norwood Lodge No. 90.
Patricia Lodge No. 91.
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92.
Innisfail Lodge No. 8.
Eureka Lodge No. 10, at Lacombe.
Red Deer Lodge No. 12.
Kenilworth Lodge No. 29.
Tuscan Lodge No. 43, at which were represented all of the
Lodges in Masonic District No. 5.
Apollo Lodge No. 27, in Stettler.
Victoria Lodge No. 13, at Fort Saskatchewan.
Vermilion Lodge No. 24, at Vermilion.
St. John's Lodge No. 25, at Vegreville.
Hope Lodge No. 38, at Mannville.
Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, at Athabasca.
A joint meeting at Lethbridge, at which were represented:
North Star Lodge No. 4.
Lethbridge Lodge No. 39.
Diamond City Lodge No. 65.
Charity Lodge No. 67.
Edson Lodge No. 68.
Wahpun Lodge No. 88, at Grouard.
Peace River Lodge No. 89.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES

Five dispensations for new Lodges have been granted. In each of these cases I have used my utmost endeavors to satisfy myself that the recommendations are not merely formal and that the conditions of the applications were such as to justify the granting of the dispensations.

GENERAL DISPENSATIONS

Those dispensations which might be considered of a routine nature have been granted as usual, subject to a reasonable consideration of the circumstances. Many applications were received for dispensations to confer degrees in short time on soldiers called overseas, and these were invariably granted.

I would draw your attention particularly to an application which I received for dispensation to wear Masonic Regalia at a ball. This was the only application of the kind I received and I refused it. I make special mention of this matter as the Lodge in question seemed to feel that I was wrong in refusing the application. An expression of opinion of Grand Lodge in this matter might serve as a suggestion to future Grand Masters and to the Lodges.

RULINGS

No ruling important enough to engage the attention of Grand Lodge has, I believe, been made by me during my term of office. I have found, as have some of the previous Grand Masters, that rulings are rather frequently asked for on matters plainly dealt with in the Constitution.

On one matter only have I expressed an opinion which might be considered in the nature of a ruling. That is on the authority of the Grand Master to issue dispensation for initiation of a person not physically perfect. I have expressed the opinion that the Grand Master has no jurisdiction in the matter, as neither by prerogative right nor by a power conferred on him by the Constitution has he the right to alter an ancient landmark.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control I was unable to appoint this committee in time to enable it to report to this meeting of Grand Lodge. I have appointed M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Chairman of the Committee, and as members thereof all the Past Grand Masters in this jurisdiction.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Only one district, as far as I am aware, held a district lodge of instruction. This was in District No. 5, when all of the Lodges of that district held a joint meeting at Tuscan Lodge No. 43, at Killam, on the 7th of March, 1917. The various degrees were exemplified and matters of general Masonic interest were discussed. This district for some years has made a practice of holding an annual meeting of this kind, and as I believe, largely as a result of such meetings the 5th Masonic District is one of the strongest, best organized and most active in the whole Province. I cannot too strongly recommend that the other Masonic Districts follow the example of District No. 5.

BY-LAWS

Eight new sets of By-laws and nine amendments were submitted for approval, as appears by the Grand Secretary's Report. I have, in every case, given these matters my personal attention, and have endeavored to allow the Lodges the widest latitude consistent with the requirements of the Constitution.

LODGES INCORPORATED

Six Lodges have been incorporated since the last convocation of Grand Lodge. I desire to repeat the recommendation of my predecessors in office, and urge the Lodges to take advantage of the regulations provided by the Provincial Legislature for the incorporation of Masonic Lodges.

FRATERNAL DEAD

To our Sister Jurisdictions in the loss of those eminent brethren who have passed away during the last twelve months we extend our sincerest fraternal sympathy. Our own immediate loss is shown by the names of forty-four brethren of our Subordinate Lodges, fourteen of whom were laid to rest with the time-honored ceremonies of our Fraternity in their own home land, and thirty of whom perished in the various battlefields of the world, sustaining to their last endeavor those principles which we as a Fraternity and our Country as a nation stand. It is with deep regret that we record the death of R.W. Bro. R. C. Bruce, who for the last four years has so cheerfully and efficiently filled the office of Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge. To the families of these brethren of our own Jurisdiction we tender our heartfelt sympathy. They mourn the loss of relatives and we the loss of personal friends.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are certain matters that I suggest for your consideration. Rather for the purpose of getting these settled than to advocate any particular plans or methods, I make the following recommendations:

1. A number of applications have been received for dispensations to initiate persons who are not physically perfect. As already mentioned, I have expressed the opinion that this is not a matter over which the Grand Master has jurisdiction. As we will be receiving a constantly increasing number of such applications from returned soldiers who have been disabled in the war, I think that it would be well for Grand Lodge to lay down some general rule for the guidance of the Lodges.

In 1875 the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England dealt with the question. The Board said that it was impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule but that the general rule in that country was to consider a candidate eligible for election, who, although not perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with the various ceremonies required in the different degrees; that each case of this description must be decided on its own merits by the members of the Lodge to whom the candidate is personally known, subject to the investigation and approval of the Master of the Lodge, who was of course officially responsible that the candidate was in a condition to comply with the above-named requirements.

I recommend that the rule suggested by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge in England be followed.

2. I recommend

(a) That the York Ritual for use in this Jurisdiction as revised by the Committee appointed by M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, be printed, and that the Grand Master be empowered to take all necessary steps to effect this.

(b) That Grand Lodge by resolution at this Convocation determine the number of such Rituals to be so printed.

3. By motion of this Grand Lodge, passed at the annual convocation in May, 1915, there was established a Patriotic Fund for Masonic dependents. The same motion recommended the appointment by the Grand Master of a special committee to control the Fund and make the necessary arrangements to secure subscriptions through the Lodges and the Brethren.

In my various visits throughout the Province I have endeavored to stimulate interest in this Fund, and am pleased to say that the Fund has been increased by over \$2,300.00. I have found that there is considerable diversity of opinion as to the best method of raising the money and of using it when raised. For this reason, and also because there is so little money already collected, I did not appoint a committee to deal with the matter, but thought it best to refer the whole subject to Grand Lodge for decision on the points involved.

I recommend

(a) That each Lodge be asked to make regular collections from each of its members for the purpose of the Fund.

(b) That all investments to the credit of the Fund be made in Dominion of Canada bonds or Saving Certificates, under the direction of the committee in charge of the Fund.

(c) That the special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master to deal with the Patriotic Relief Fund have power to add to its number.

(d) That the committee pay all of its own expenses except printing, stationery and postage, which shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

THE WAR

The outstanding events of the war during the last twelve months have been the Russian revolution and the entry of the United States as a combatant. From the one will eventually come greater strength and a purer purpose; from the other has come a conviction beyond all doubt of the ultimate triumph of those ideals for which we are fighting. Now, as truly as in the dark days of the Civil War, is the great American republic fighting for that government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" for which their immortal president prayed. Never before in the world's history has there been such an inspiring spectacle of mighty nations united in the great contest for the freedom of free peoples; never has there been anything so nearly approaching that actual brotherhood of man for which we feared to hope. But now through the clash of armed nations the dream of the poet may yet become the business of the statesman.

It is not for us, however, at this time, to discuss the war in its greater phases. Our purposes must be to consider those matters that have become our especial business as the result of this conflict. The ever-increasing burdens that are being imposed on the peoples of the world by this struggle are being felt in a constantly increasing degree by the people of this Province and members of our Order. Many funds unconnected with Free Masonry have been established to help to relieve the situation,

and I am glad to say that in my visits throughout the Province I found that these funds are receiving substantial assistance from our Lodges. That, Brethren, is good Free Masonry.

As I went from place to place I saw in our Lodges the names of our men who have gone, the records of the men who have fallen. Very many of our Brethren are now at the front; many of them will never return. All this is throwing upon us a responsibility which we cannot ignore, and which it will be our greatest honor and our highest privilege to meet. The welfare of the widows and children of our departed brethren must be for years to come the principal concern of this Fraternity. Our obligation in this regard will not be answered by subscriptions suitable to our convenience or given with consideration as to what others give. Not until the giving hurts us do we really begin to give. If the money and effort that are expended in less laudable ways in the name of Masonry were directed to the help of the relatives of our brethren who need it, then would Masonry indeed be a great benefit to the community and not merely a hope but partially realized.

If it were a question of the price to be exacted from us that we be allowed to remain in our own country that we might be with and care for our loved ones, what would we not give, what would we not do? This I take it is the nature of our obligation. This great privilege is being purchased for us by the sacrifices of our brothers overseas, by the anguish of their wives, by the sorrows of their children. To pay this debt we may easily do too little; we cannot do too much.

During my term of office I have done my best as occasion permitted to arouse in the members of the Order active interest in benevolent work, particularly in support of our Patriotic Relief Fund. And now, Brethren, as the last appeal which I shall make to you as Grand Master, as the one matter important, above all others, let us each do his duty to the dependents of our Brethren as God gives him to see it. "The thanks of the widow and orphan are a Mason's most acceptable gift to God." With kindly sympathy and ready help remember the children of our fallen Brethren.

Fraternally yours.

E. T. BISHOP,

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), "That the Grand Master's address be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, 1st May, 1917.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, Banff.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District for the term 1916-17.

I take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of this District for the honor done me in electing me to this important office, and to express my appreciation of the kindly, courteous and fraternal manner in which they received me on each occasion of my official visits.

It has been my privilege to have visited each of the ten Lodges in the District at least once officially.

The condition of Masonry throughout the District, as a whole, is in a sound, healthy state, while the numerical increase is not as great as in normal years, financial affairs are generally satisfactory.

Peace and harmony prevail and the Brethren evince an ever-increasing knowledge of the true spirit of Masonry as well as a greater desire to apply its principles practically in every-day life.

The exemplification of the work approaches a marked degree of perfection and shows the Lodges to be in the hands of well skilled craftsmen.

The attendance at the communications is very good considering the large number of the Brethren who are serving King and Country.

In every Lodge in the District is an Honor Roll of those Brethren who have left homes and kindred and all they hold dear and offered their services for King and Empire in the cause of Liberty, Justice and Humanity and in defense of those principles which Masonry stands for; some of them have returned, broken and maimed; many of them will never return, having made the supreme sacrifice and have thus discharged their obligations as men and Masons.

Let us hope and let us pray to the G.A.O.T.U. that the time may come, and may it come soon, when we may again welcome back to our homes and our Lodges those who by His Providence may not be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice.

It is with deep regret I have to report the passing away of twenty of the members of this District, seven of the ten Lodges are called upon to mourn the death of beloved brethren.

I desire to commend the work of the Secretaries throughout the District, in all the Lodges I have found the books and records in competent hands and I wish to thank those brethren for the prompt manner in which the notices of meetings and the returns were forwarded.

Following are brief reports of my visits to the Lodges:

BOW RIVER No. 1

On November 27th I visited this Lodge officially and was most cordially received. The M.M. Degree was conferred on four candidates in a very pleasing manner by Wor. Bro. T. Rankine and Officers, several of the P.M.'s assisting in the ceremonies. There was a large attendance of members and visitors including several in the King's uniform.

The Grand Master's visit. On April 23 at an emergent meeting of Bow River Lodge, all the Lodges of the City being present as guests, I had the honor to accompany the M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop on his official visit to this District. This was the Masonic event of the year; many Grand and Past Grand Officers, together with members of all Lodges in the District to the number of 250 were present to greet the Grand Master, who was received in due form.

The E.A. Degree was then exemplified in a most perfect and impressive manner by W. Bro. A. McRae and his Officers, ably assisted by W. Bro. John Gillespie and R. Wor. Bro. F. R. Jelfs. After Lodge closed, adjournment was made to the Palliser hotel where a banquet had been prepared, W. Bro. W. E. Mercer, as Director of Ceremonies and Toast Master, seated the Brethren, and when the wants of the inner man had been amply satisfied the usual toasts honored, the Grand Master delivered an interesting and instructive address; after which a splendid musical programme was given which was greatly enjoyed by all those who were so fortunate to be present.

CASCADE LODGE No. 5

I visited this Lodge in the mountains on March 8th and received a warm welcome. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Brethren of Banff are to be congratulated on their bright, comfortable and well furnished Lodge. This is one of the oldest Lodges in the District and possesses many beautiful and valuable works of photographic art. W. Bro. Watters and his able officers worked the E.A. Degree in excellent form. The books and the finances are well looked after by W. Bro. Ward. I regret that on account of the train service I missed the Fourth Degree, but I hope to come again.

PERFECTION LODGE No. 9

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on March 27th, was introduced by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair and was most kindly and fraternally received by W. Bro. T. Allen and a large turn out of members and visitors. It was my good fortune to witness the

Sublime Degree conferred on four bright fellow-craftsmen. The degree was exemplified in a beautiful and impressive manner, fully sustaining the high standard of excellence for which Perfection Lodge is noted throughout the Jurisdiction. The work shows that the Officers give a great deal of thought and attention to detail, both on the floor and the interpretation of the ritual.

The musical accompaniment by the choir gave an added beauty to the ceremony.

This is the strongest Lodge in the District numerically and the Past Masters take an active part in the work and the welfare of the craft generally.

CALGARY LODGE No. 23

On November 3rd I made my first official visit to Calgary Lodge and was welcomed by W. Bro. E. G. Ironside and members. This being a regular meeting there was no degree work. The regular business was disposed of in a prompt and harmonious manner, after which R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe gave a very interesting and instructive address, his subject being, "The Masonic Apron," which was very much appreciated by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

My second visitation was on the evening of March 16th. This was the annual Irish celebration of the Lodge. I was most cordially received by W. Bro. A. J. Davis and members. The attendance at this meeting was nearly 200. Every Lodge in the city was represented, including many Grand and Past Grand Lodge officers.

The Wor. Master, A. J. Davis, gave ample proof of his ability as an executive officer and is supported by an able staff. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice Degree which was conferred in a manner that could hardly be improved upon. The exemplification of the Fourth Degree was in keeping with the occasion. The excellent musical program which followed will be long remembered by those who were present.

ASHLAR LODGE No. 28

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at an emergent meeting on Dec. 20th. The Brethren received me most heartily, turning out in large numbers.

A most cordial fraternal spirit is apparent among the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge, creating a most pleasant atmosphere in all their gatherings.

I witnessed the examination of a class awaiting advancement, whose proficiency reflected credit on those who had this work in hand.

The Sublime Degree was conferred on four candidates by Wor. Bro. W. A. Ackland and officers. The work was performed in a manner which showed that much time and attention had been given to the work.

The excellence of the work of the junior officers in the exemplification of this degree is worthy of special mention.

The musical service by the Zetland Quartette is deserving of the highest praise.

The P.M.'s of the Lodge are very much in evidence and are a tower of strength to the Lodge.

KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 41

No Lodge in the district has felt the effect of the war to such an extent as has this Lodge. The brethren are waging an uphill struggle on account of the many enlistments of their total membership, only a few are left to carry on the work of the Lodge. Great credit is due them for their spirit of patriotism and sacrifice.

I visited the Lodge officially on Dec. 8th, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Gillespie and S. H. Garnham and assisted in the initiation of a candidate and witnessed the election of their officers.

On the 5th of January I again went up; this time accompanied by the W.M. and the officers of my own Lodge (King George No. 59) who conferred the F.C. Degree, after which I had the honor of installing the newly elected officers; a dispensation having been granted for that purpose.

We were royally entertained by the brethren of Cochrane on both occasions.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE No. 54

I paid my first official visit to this Lodge on October 17th, accompanied by the W.M. and the members of King George Lodge. We received a most cordial welcome. Two candidates were passed to the F.C. Degree in a pleasing and impressive manner by Wor. Bro. D. Boyd; the W.M., Bro. Kimball, being absent from the city.

The attendance of this Lodge is always good and the occasion was no exception to the rule.

The books and records are well looked after, the Historical Register right up to the minute. The work of Bro. J. Shaw shows him a most capable Secretary.

My second visit was on February 20th. On this occasion we were welcomed by Wor. Bro. Goodwin. There was no degree work done. A class of five candidates were examined as to their proficiency and they furnished ample proof that the instruction of candidates in this Lodge is well looked after.

We then had the honor of assisting at the ceremony of unveiling a Roll of Honor with the names of 38 members who are engaged in doing their bit in the cause of humanity. The ceremony was performed by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M., who delivered a most eloquent and patriotic address.

On April 1st, 1917, this Lodge and this Jurisdiction suffered a severe loss in the death of Right Wor. Bro. R. C. Bruce, who was their first W.M. and Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of

Alberta. He was laid to rest by his brethren with full Masonic honors on the 3rd day of April, 1917.

The brethren will greatly miss this well-known and highly-respected brother.

KING GEORGE LODGE No. 59

This being my own Lodge I have attended every meeting but one during the year.

My first official visit was made on September 22nd and, needless to say, I was most cordially received by my brethren.

The business of the meeting was to receive the D.D.G.M. and to confer the F.C. Degree by the P.M.'s of the Lodge.

There was a large attendance of the members and visiting brethren, included among the number were Wor. Bro. John Gillespie and Rt. Wor. Bro. F. R. Jelfs, of Bow River Lodge, who highly complimented the Lodge on the excellence of the work.

My second official visitation was made on December 27th, when I had the honor of installing the newly-elected officers, among the large gathering on this occasion were Wor. Bro. Strathern and Rt. Wor. Bro. Stewart, who assisted me in the ceremony.

I am pleased to report that harmony and good will prevail and the affairs of King George Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition.

ZETLAND LODGE No. 83

On February 5th I visited Zetland Lodge, which is now located with the other uptown Lodges in the Temple, Alexander Corner. This, though one of the youngest, is one of the strongest Lodges in the district, having enrolled among its membership many distinguished and well-skilled craftsmen.

The E.A. Degree was exemplified in the accurate and impressive manner characteristic of this Lodge by Wor. Bro. R. Wood and his officers; Wor. Bros. V. A. Bowes and J. E. Johnson assisting.

A very pleasing feature was the full musical service by the talented quartette. A warmly fraternal spirit is manifest here. The brethren have the happy faculty of making visitors feel at home.

It was a real pleasure to inspect the model set of books of Secy. Wor. Bro. E. S. Clow.

CRESCENT LODGE No. 87

I visited this Lodge officially at an emergent meeting on the evening of December 6th, accompanied by several brethren of King George Lodge.

In the absence of the W.M., C. M. Cook, Wor. Bro. C. A. MacPherson presided, sharing the work with several P.M.'s pres-

ent. The M.M. Degree was conferred on two well-prepared soldier candidates. The work being done in a very excellent manner.

The attendance was good including many in the King's uniform.

The Secretary was not present, so I did not see the books, but I have been assured that the new Secretary, Bro. T. Stoddart, has the work well in hand.

A fine fraternal spirit prevails among the members and the Lodge is in a sound, healthy condition.

It is unfortunate that Wor. Bro. Cook was unable to finish his term of office, nevertheless all is well with the Crescent Lodge.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren of this District for the kind fraternal welcome which on every visit was extended to me and for the generous hospitality which I received at their hands. I wish particularly to extend my thanks to Wor. Bro. A. J. Davis for assistance always cheerfully rendered me as District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. FLAVIN,

D.D.G.M., Masonic District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Bow Island, May 3rd, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District.

In the first place, I wish to express to the brethren of the District my thanks for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the office D.D.G.M. for the Second Masonic District, and also for the courtesy extended to me on every occasion during my term of office.

I have enjoyed the work and have endeavored to be faithful to the trust and confidence reposed in me, when they conferred upon me the honor. The general condition of Masonry throughout the district is excellent. The following are the reports in detail of my visits to the several Lodges in the district.

MIZPAH No. 35 MEDICINE HAT

My first official visit was to Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat, December 19th, 1916, accompanied by R.W. Bro. George Murray, P.D.D.G.M. No degrees were conferred but general business and the election of officers was conducted in a very creditable manner. The books are in excellent condition. The officers and members of this Lodge are earnest and enthusiastic and a good, live Masonic spirit prevails.

GRASSY LAKE No. 57

On December 27th a joint installation of the officers of Grassy Lake and Bow Island Lodges took place at Grassy Lake, when I had the honor of assisting as Director of Ceremonies the Most Wor. The Grand Master Bro. E. T. Bishop, who did the installing. The feature of the evening was the able address of our M.W. Grand Master on "Our Duties as Masons." This Lodge is working under a disadvantage owing to many of the Brethren having left Grassy Lake District, while some of those remaining seemed to have lost interest in the Lodge. However, W. Bro. Handcock, the newly installed Master, appears to be an energetic worker, and I expect to see an improvement in this Lodge.

DORIC LODGE No. 31 TABER

On January 30th, 1917, I attended an emergent meeting when the installation of the officers for 1917 was very creditably performed by R.W. Bro. Stephenson, P.D.D.G.M., assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge. The books are in good condition and the average attendance fair. A good Masonic feeling prevails.

SUFFIELD LODGE No. 85

On February 14th I visited this Lodge and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, P.D.D.G.M., had the pleasure of installing, under dispensation, the officers for 1917. The brethren had just moved into their new Lodge room and when the same is completed they will have a comfortable and well equipped home.

A good fraternal feeling prevails, and they are progressing very satisfactorily.

QUARRY LODGE No. 70 REDCLIFF

I visited this Lodge on April 17th, 1917. The brethren had arranged to exemplify some degree work, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, I arrived late and the degree work had to be postponed; but from the creditable manner in which the general business of the Lodge was conducted, I am satisfied that the officers are quite capable in degree work. I examined the books and found them up-to-date. Every kindness was shown me during my visit.

MEDICINE HAT No. 2

On Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 1917, at an emergent meeting of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 and Mizpah Lodge No. 35 I, together with R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. E. T. Bishop, on his official visit to these Lodges when he delivered a most able and

impressive address on "Charity." The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable and pleasing manner. The meeting was well attended. I desire especially to commend Bro. Napier, the Secretary of No. 2 Lodge, for the very efficient manner in which the books and records of the Lodge are kept. The officers and members of these two Lodges are deeply interested in the purpose of Masonry.

BOW ISLAND No. 64

This being my home Lodge I attended all meetings except one during the year. I visited officially at their regular communication on Tuesday, the 1st day of May. I was pleased to have R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, P.D.D.G.M., accompany me on this visit. The Third Degree was exemplified in the usual able manner. The average attendance of this Lodge is good, and the future is bright.

All the Lodges in this District are now incorporated, or under way for incorporation, with the exception of Grassy Lake, who may possibly take up the matter this year; and all Lodges carry insurance with the exception of Suffield, and I have advised them to take out insurance as soon as possible.

On June 6th last I received a communication from the Grand Lodge enclosing a petition from the Brethren of Foremost, with the request to have same properly completed. I immediately forwarded the papers to Foremost, explaining what was required, and have not since received any word concerning same.

Faternally submitted,

WM. A. BATEMAN,

D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Edmonton, May 25th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my official report on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District for the year 1916-17.

PALESTINE LODGE No. 46

I visited this Lodge on June 24th, 1916, and installed the Master and invested the other officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, assisted by W. Bros. Folinsbee, Richards and Sneddon, who accompanied me from Edmonton. There was a good attendance of members present, and satisfied that a good

selection of officers has been made. After the Lodge was closed a very social evening was spent with the brethren in exemplifying the Fourth Degree followed by the usual programme.

On October 4th I visited this Lodge officially, when the First Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. T. H. Newbigging, ably assisted by the several officers of the Lodge, whom I found well skilled in the work. This Lodge is one of the most active in the district, and is to be complimented on the success they are meeting with. I have installed the Officers of this Lodge for the last four years and am pleased to be able to report without fear of challenge or contradiction that Masonry was never more active, nor the true spirit of Masonry more alive in the Third Masonic District than it is in Palestine Lodge No. 46. I examined the books of the Lodge and found them very neat and well written up, reflecting credit on the Secretary of the Lodge. A number of their members being on active service and others living at a distance, the attendance was very good indeed. The Lodge is out of debt and in good financial standing. This Lodge has a bright future.

On April 11th, 1917, I had the honor and pleasure of again visiting this Lodge officially with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. E. T. Bishop. A good attendance of the members were present, and the Third Degree was exemplified in a most perfect manner by the Master of the Lodge. All officers of the Lodge being present ably assisted the W.M. in the work. From the enthusiasm shown I am sure the prospects of this Lodge are good. A number of brethren from Holden and Chauvin visited with whom were the W.M.'s and Wardens of the proposed Lodges to be instituted at each of the above named places in the near future. Chauvin Officers exemplifying the First Degree, and Holden Officers exemplified the Second Degree, and in each case the work was satisfactory. A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. The Lodge was closed and the brethren called from labor to refreshment for an indefinite space of time. The brethren enjoyed a generous repast followed by the usual toasts. The M.W. the Grand Master gave a very interesting address as to the duties of Masons in general and was much appreciated by all present.

EDMONTON LODGE No. 7

On December 27th I visited this Lodge officially, and at the request of the retiring Master I had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the other officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, R.W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull acting as Director of Ceremonies in a creditable manner. There was a good attendance of the members present. There was no degree work. The evening was spent in social intercourse by all present.

I paid my official visit to Edmonton Lodge No. 7 at an emergency meeting held on March 29th, 1917. The First Degree was conferred in a very able manner by the W.M. Bro. L. M. Muir, assisted by a very efficient staff of officers; and I wish to say that the candidate who was examined was the most proficient I have ever had the pleasure to listen to. This Lodge is well officered

and is making good progress with good material. Harmony and good fellowship are much in evidence. I examined the books and found them very neat and carefully written up, with the exception of the Historical Register. However, the Secretary promised to attend to this at once and no doubt it will be looked after. This Lodge has excellent prospects.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE No. 34 LEDUC

I visited this Lodge on June 27th, 1916, and had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The Lodge is very fortunate in having several enthusiastic and capable Past Masters which adds greatly to the stability and success of the Lodge. A good selection of officers has been made and I have no doubt but the success of this Lodge is assured. After Lodge we had the usual speeches and the Fourth Degree.

I visited this Lodge officially on April 3rd, 1917, and had the pleasure of seeing the First Degree exemplified in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge. I was also well pleased with the efficiency of the officers. Special mention must be made of the Junior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. W. L. Taylor, who delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board in a very impressive and efficient manner, and I don't think I ever heard the lecture better given. The Past Masters are regular in attendance and are always willing to give assistance and counsel to their younger brethren. The Lodge is making progress with good material, and financial condition satisfactory. The brethren occupy their own building and the Lodge room is neatly kept and well furnished. I examined the books of the Lodge and found them in good shape with exception of the Historical Register which I am sorry to say has not been attended to. R.W. Bro. Ruddy informed me that a committee has been appointed to have the Historical Register written up to date, which I presume will be done. The members are enthusiastic and a splendid spirit of harmony prevails. After Lodge we had the usual speeches and the Fourth Degree. A very pleasant and social evening was enjoyed by all. Prospects look good for this Lodge.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE No. 44 WAINWRIGHT

On Friday, October 6th, 1916, I paid my official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, accompanied by W. Bro. Follinsbee and Bro. N. R. Lindsay of Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton. I found this Lodge in very good condition, and the brethren very enthusiastic, well officered and very efficient. I had the pleasure of seeing the Third Degree conferred in a very creditable manner by the W.M., ably assisted by the officers of the Lodge. A good meeting was held and a good attendance of the members present. I inspected the books of the Lodge and found them very carefully and neatly written up. Am very sorry indeed to mention that no By-laws of this Lodge have ever been printed, consequently each member is without a copy of the By-laws, contrary to the Constitution.

I was assured that the By-laws would be printed and a copy presented to each member and was to be notified accordingly. Up to this date I have not heard if this has been done. They have a neat and comfortable Lodge room and the attendance is fair. A good Masonic feeling prevails and the future of Masonry in Buffalo Park Lodge looks bright. A social evening was spent with brethren of No. 44 after Lodge was closed.

UNITY LODGE No. 51

On December 29th, 1916, I paid my official visit to this Lodge, of which I am proud to be a member. With the assistance of W. Bros. Folinsbee and Richards a Board of Installed Masters was opened and I had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the other Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year; W. Bro. Hillier acting as Director of Ceremonies in a very capable manner. I attend all meetings of the Lodge and can vouch for the accuracy of the degree work done by the W.M. assisted by the other officers of the Lodge; nor is any lecture or charge omitted in any of the degrees. The attendance is small in comparison to its membership, and I feel that many of its members neglect their duty, as Masons, to their Lodge.

The books of the Lodge are well kept and in accordance with the Constitution. The Lodge is making good Masonic progress under capable officers. A spirit of perfect harmony pervades their Lodge room. The Past Masters attend fairly regular and give a good account of themselves once a year in occupying the officers' chairs and put on degree work. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

CONNAUGHT LODGE No. 69 VIKING

I visited this Lodge officially on October 5th, 1916, and had the pleasure of seeing the Third Degree conferred in a thorough and efficient manner by the Worshipful Master, N. B. Lindholm. The officers are also very well up in the duties of their respective offices. I examined the books of the Lodge and found them neatly written up, with exception of the Historical Register, which is not kept in accordance with the required regulations. The signatures of the members to the By-laws are not signed up in the Historical Register nor By-laws written in. R.W. Bro. McAthey assured me this would be done and I have no doubt it will be attended to. This Lodge has a scattered membership and the attendance is not as good as it should be. This is no doubt very discouraging to the officers of the Lodge. The W.M. informs me that at some of the meetings it is hard to get enough of the brethren together to open Lodge, even some members close by very seldom attend the meetings. Prospects along this line don't look very prosperous for the Lodge, still the brethren are hopeful and enthusiastic. After the Lodge was closed the Fourth Degree was exemplified in a manner pleasing to all, accompanied by the usual speeches on such occasions. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

COMMERCIAL LODGE No. 81, EMPIRE LODGE No. 63

I visited these Lodges at a joint installation on the afternoon of December 27th, 1916, in company with R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, D.D.G.M., of District No. 10. Bro. Wilson installed the Masters of both Lodges. I invested the officers and delivered the lecture to the W.M. Wardens and officers of the Lodge. A very good attendance of the members of both Lodges were present. I visited Commercial Lodge officially at a regular meeting held on February 3rd. This Lodge is prosperous; have a set of good working officers. I had the pleasure of seeing the First Degree conferred in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, ably assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The Lodge has several Past Masters who confer the several degrees in an able manner. The Lodge books are neatly kept and in accordance with our Constitution. This Lodge is fortunate in having an enthusiastic Secretary which adds much to the success of the Lodge. The attendance is fair, and from the enthusiasm shown I am sure the prospects of the Lodge are good.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE No. 92

I visited this Lodge officially on February 28th, 1917, and had the pleasure of seeing the First and Second Degrees conferred by the Worshipful Master and his staff of officers. The degree work is not done as well as I would like to see. This Lodge has no doubt been handicapped to some extent by some of the regular officers being absent, and their offices filled by other members of the Lodge who are not so well up probably in degree work. However, some of the officers should endeavor to be more perfect in the work. This Lodge is unfortunate in having some members whose Masonic conduct is not commendable, who, instead of maintaining the honor of Masonry, have brought ridicule and ignominy on the craft by their actions. The W.M. does not get the support that is due from the I.P.M. of the Lodge. Contention and destructive controversy are very much in evidence, and unless some remedy is applied there is no hope for the success of this Lodge. If this trouble could be removed I see no reason why perfect harmony should not prevail. The attendance is small, and the books are kept in splendid shape by the secretary.

At a regular meeting held on March 22nd, 1917, I had the honor and pleasure of again visiting this Lodge officially with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. E. T. Bishop. No degree work was done. After the routine work of the Lodge was completed the M.W. the Grand Master gave the brethren a lecture on the duties of Masons to each other, and censured the Lodge for the contention that is in existence.

I have visited this Lodge several times since the date above written and still find contention in the Lodge. I was in hopes that this would be stamped out and a good fraternal feeling exist. This Lodge is by no means in a satisfactory condition, and the prospects of the Lodge are anything but bright under existing circumstances.

In conclusion I would like to pay tribute to the increasing number of my Masonic brethren who are going forth to the battlefields of Europe from the several Lodges. One cannot visit any Lodge without meeting some Brother in khaki. The large numbers of our members well understand the true principles of Free Masonry, and have unhesitatingly gone forward in the interests of Justice, Right and Truth. We rejoice at the spirit of loyalty to our Empire displayed by our soldier members. We realize that not only loyalty to Country alone, but that higher ideal of Freedom, marks the action of those now beyond the seas at the call of duty. We pray that they will win a noble victory in the interests of humanity; and that in God's good time we will welcome them back again. It is sad to know that all of them will not return, and if our brothers laid down their lives for a noble cause, and died that others might live, their struggle will not have been in vain.

I wish to thank the brethren for nominating me to this honorable position, and I can bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration at the hands of the brethren that has been extended to me during my term of office, and I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may continue to preserve our Order by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. McINTOSH,
D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Innisfail, May 5th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

Herewith I beg to submit my report as D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

During the early part of the year I made official visits to all the Lodges of the District. Also I instituted a new Lodge at Rimbey, under the management of Bro. Dr. Byers. In this case I found all the officers of this Lodge most efficient.

I am pleased to state that I found the Lodges well officered and the books generally well kept throughout this district, with the exception of Crossfield, which Lodge at the time I made my visit was without a Master. Since my visit I am informed a Master has been elected.

The Lodges I found in all cases well appointed and well kept.

I have not as yet received the Statement of Work done during the year from two Lodges of this District which you will notice in my Statistical Report.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. WILSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Killam, Alta., June 1st, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit herewith my official report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 5.

The Fifth Masonic District consists of nine Lodges, all of which with the exception of one, are very active, well officered, and are observing the ancient landmarks of Free Masonry.

We held a Lodge of Instruction in Tuscan Lodge Hall, Killam, on March 7th. The Lodges of the District were well represented. We were honoured on this occasion by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Junior Warden.

The Third Degree was exemplified in the York Rite by Provost Lodge No. 61, and in the Canadian Rite by Fidelity Lodge No. 76. Both Lodges did their work in a very creditable manner.

Throughout this Lodge of Instruction there prevailed the true Masonic spirit and I want to thank each and every Lodge for their untiring efforts and loyal support in putting on this fourth Lodge of Instruction held in the Fifth Masonic District.

I also wish to thank the Brethren of this Fifth Masonic District for conferring on me the high honor of being their D.D.G.M.

CAMROSE LODGE No. 37.

I arranged to visit this Lodge on February 8th, but owing to extreme cold weather at this date my visit was postponed until May 10th.

I found this Lodge in very good condition and doing their work in good style and as is always the case among these Brethren the spirit of good fellowship prevails.

TUSCAN LODGE No. 43.

This is my home Lodge and I visited them on several occasions, the date of my official visit being January 31st. The manner in which they carried out the detailed arrangements for the Lodge of Instruction was evidence to all of the manner in which they do their work.

COMET LODGE No. 50.

I visited this Lodge on February 13th. Their attendance was not large but their work was put on well. This Lodge is steadily improving and the members are to be congratulated. The membership of this Lodge consists largely of railroad men, which accounts for their not always having a large attendance.

PROVOST LODGE No. 61.

I visited this Lodge on February 14th. This is a splendid Lodge; good attendance, enthusiastic, and royal entertainers. They put on a Third Degree which they did in a very able manner.

COAL LODGE No. 62.

I arranged to visit this Lodge on February 15th, but was unable to do so as they were unable to get their members out for a meeting. This is the only Lodge in the District that is not active.

HARMONY LODGE No. 75.

I visited this Lodge on February 5th and I found them, as always, doing good work and growing steadily. This is one of the best working Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District.

They were very unfortunate this year in losing their Junior Warden, whose death was very sudden and whose place, not as an officer but as a brother, will be hard to fill. We extend to this Lodge our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

FIDELITY LODGE No. 76.

I visited this Lodge on February 6th. This is the only Lodge in the Fifth Masonic District working under the Canadian Rite. The evening of my visit they put on a First and a Third Degree, which they did remarkably well. They were also well represented at the Lodge of Instruction. I found their books in good order and the Lodge generally in a very prosperous condition.

MORNING STAR LODGE No. 79.

I visited this Lodge on February 1st. They put on a First Degree in a very able manner. The Lodge generally is in a good condition. I also attended a Divine Service held by this Lodge, which was well attended and very impressive.

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 80.

I did not have an opportunity of visiting this Lodge until late in the season. I found them in splendid working order. I was accompanied on this occasion by several members of Tuscan Lodge. This was to me a very enjoyable visit.

I also visited this Lodge at a Divine Service held by them in June, 1916.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. CALDWELL,

D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Okotoks, May 28th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to present my report as D.D.G.M. for the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1916-17.

I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District, but from reports I have obtained of these Lodges believe they are making progress.

CORNER STONE LODGE No. 19 HIGH RIVER

On March 8th I visited this Lodge officially. The W.M. conferred the Fellow Craft Degree. The work was done in a very efficient and capable manner. The books are well and neatly kept by the Secretary, the Historical Register is up-to-date. The Lodge room is large and nicely furnished and everything in excellent order. This is the banner Lodge of the District.

NANTON LODGE No. 17 NANTON

Owing to my being in the hospital when I had arranged to visit this Lodge I was unable to do so. I cannot make a report on the work, but understand the Lodge is fairly active and the officers quite capable.

STAVELY LODGE No. 33 STAVELY

I officially visited this Lodge on January 9th and installed the officers for the ensuing year. No degree work was done, but from the manner in which the officers did the work feel they will be efficient. The Lodge is in splendid shape financially; they own their own building and have it very well furnished. The books are well kept and everything up-to-date.

CAIRO LODGE No. 32 CLARESHOLM

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on March 20th. No degree work was put on, but from the very commendable manner in which the Lodge was conducted feel that it is to be congratulated in having for its present Master R.W. Bro. Geo. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M. The books are well and neatly kept. The Historical Register is up-to-date and the finances in good shape.

JOPPA LODGE No. 40 GRANUM

I was unable to visit this Lodge, therefore, cannot report on its work, but from information I have had believe everything is going along nicely. They are in good financial standing.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 22 OKOTOKS

I have attended most of the meetings of this my mother Lodge and can assure you that the officers are most efficient in the work. I am Secretary of the Lodge and try to keep the books up-to-date. The Lodge is well furnished and in splendid shape financially.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for electing me to the position of D.D.G.M. I regret that I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District, but just when I was making arrangements to visit Joppa Lodge also Nanton Lodge I was taken seriously ill and removed to the Hospital in Calgary where I underwent a serious operation, being confined to the hospital for five weeks. I am still under the doctor's care and regret that I am unable to be present at Grand Lodge this year.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. C. PATERSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Gleichen, Alta., May 3rd, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District and a report of my official acts during the past year.

Permit me in the first place to express to my brethren of the Seventh Masonic District my appreciation of the high honor they conferred on me, also to thank the brethren throughout the District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on every occasion during my term in office.

The Secretaries are careful and efficient brethren and in every case the books are well kept. In three of the Lodges for the present year Past Masters are filling the office of Secretary, and I am pleased to see the Lodges realize their welfare depends so much on an efficient Secretary, and are, therefore, appointing Past Masters where possible for this important office. The arrears

in dues in some Lodges are more than they should be and I would suggest that a closer attention be given to this matter in future.

The condition of Masonry in this District is active and progressive. Enthusiasm, good fellowship and harmony evidently exist in every Lodge. The officers in one or two Lodges are not as proficient in their work as I would like to see them. I was pleased to note that each Lodge during the past year have done more in the way of donations to charity and to such worthy causes as the Red Cross, Patriotic Society, etc., although as a rule more might be done in this respect both as Lodges and as individuals.

I note in one or two cases where Lodges accepted candidates not in their own district or where the residence of such applicant was closer to another Lodge. This must be watched closer in the future and not repeated unless with the consent of the Lodge in whose district the candidate resides.

I wish to impress upon the Lodges in this District the necessity of conserving their resources as far as possible that they may be able to meet the many demands which will doubtless be required to be made on their relief funds owing to the ravages of war.

STRATHMORE No. 53

On June 12th and again on October 9th I visited this Lodge. Strathmore Lodge has their own hall. They do good, consistent work, have a good set of officers. Best average attendance of any Lodge in the District. They also pay good attention to the social end of the Lodge and frequently have the ladies present at their social functions. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner on my last visit, October 9th; G. F. Butler being W.M.

GLEICHEN No. 36

This is the oldest Lodge in this District. I visited this Lodge on June 20th. I dedicated their new hall on August 22nd and installed their officers December 28th. This Lodge has been handicapped by having a fire in March, 1916, all their records, books, etc., being burned. Their Grand Lodge returns were consequently held up for a considerable time, but with the resuming of R.W. Bro. Canon Stocken, P.G.C., to the position of Secretary, their books and records are now in first-class shape. They also own their own hall. I commend very much their action in raising their dues \$2.50 per member, this amount to be paid to the Masonic Relief Fund, besides the other donations they have given to such causes.

BASSANO No. 55

I visited this Lodge on July 25th and installed their officers December 27th. Although I did not witness any degree work, yet I have every reason to believe the officers are proficient in their

work. They own their own hall, their books are in first-class shape. They have the largest membership of any Lodge in this District. The efficiency of their work and the welfare of this Lodge must be attributed largely to the unretiring efforts of R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers, P.D.D.G.M.

BROOKS No. 73

I visited this Lodge August 15th. Again on November 21st, and installed their officers January 3rd. This Lodge is in a very active state, good material being received and the degree work was exemplified in a very efficient manner. Their books are in good shape. Bro. Nesbitt being W.M. and R.W. Bro. C. E. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M., now serving his King and Country overseas, being I.P.M.

ACME No. 60

I regret very much not being able to visit Acme Lodge. It would take two days by train to make the visit and I did not have the time to do this. It is about 60 miles across country by trail and last Fall I started on the trip and got as far as Biesecker (7 miles from Acme) at 10 p.m., when we got stuck in the mud and had to remain there over night and return the following morning. This Spring on their regular meeting, May 3rd, a snowstorm commenced in the morning, making it impossible to make the trip. I have received their notices regularly and they appear to be in good, progressive and active state. It is not doing this Lodge justice not to have a visit from the D.D.G.M. nor is it doing justice to the D.D.G.M. and if it were possible to put this Lodge in another District, either in Calgary or on the Calgary-Edmonton branch, where it would be more convenient to reach in either case it would be much better for all concerned.

LANGDON No. 52

This Lodge had the misfortune of being burned in the Spring of 1916 with all their regalia, etc., and no insurance.

This being the second fire they had since being instituted, I endeavored to get in communication with the Secretary and Master, but could not get any response as to what they intended doing. But in conversation with some of their brethren from time to time understood they did not intend to start up again till after the war. I understand, however, they are now arranging to get their Charter and will likely be starting up again in the near future.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. MacDONALD,

D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Cowley, Alta., May 12th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to make the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District.

I have visited all the Lodges once, with extra visits for the purpose of installing officers of three Lodges.

Conditions, which were considered none too favorable during the past two years, have grown steadily worse with the continuance of the war; and the work of the Lodges is seriously impeded owing to the absence of so many good workers, with the colors, and to the fact that the extra duties imposed on our people by the war condition has tended to overshadow the social duties of Masonry. I find, however, that the older members at home are keeping their hands to the plow and carrying on the work of the Lodges with their old-time persistence and knowledge gained in many years of experience under all conditions. They are quietly looking after the little wants of the dependents of brethren at the front in many ways that are appreciated judging by the letters from overseas. Some of the Lodges already have their "vacant chair" through the death of members at the front, and I am glad to state are keeping their memories green. Some of the Lodges have provided a roll of honor showing the names of brethren in the army, and in the cases of others who have not as yet done so I have made such recommendation and exhorted the brethren to keep their Lodges in such good condition that the returning brethren will find the work well done. I find that there is a tendency among the absent ones to dwell on this point in their letters home. For the same reasons which were apparent last year, I did not call a Lodge of Instruction. I am gratified to note, however, that the Lodges have been fairly busy and have considerably added to their numbers, especially during the present year. I find all Lodges efficiently officered and with good prospects. Following is a detailed report on the several Lodges.

ALBERTA No. 3, MACLEOD

I visited this Lodge on May 2nd and found a good attendance, and witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree by R. W. Bro. Murison and done in a creditable manner. I had the pleasure also of meeting there M.W. Bro. Patterson, P.G.M. I find that this Lodge has instituted a question box, and that through this many a dull moment is turned to pleasureable account and many little problems in Masonry explained for the benefit of the younger members. This is an institution which would not be out of place in all the Lodges. The books of this Lodge are in good condition and in capable hands.

SPITZIE No. 6, PINCHER CREEK

Visited Spitzie on July 14th and installed the officers and made another official visit of inspection on Nov. 3rd last. First Degree was conferred by Rt. W. Bro. Dempster. Arrears of dues were rather high for their membership but I was assured that steps would be taken to clear them up. Spitzie Lodge has splendid quarters which they own, and since the first of the year has been busy. The officers are zealous and the Secretary very attentive to his work.

SENTINEL No. 26, HILLCREST MINES

At the invitation of the officers of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 and of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore, I was present and installed the officers of both Lodges at Hillcrest Mines on Dec. 27th last. After the installation the members and their friends held an enjoyable little dance and supper. On April 4th I again visited this Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Third Degree by the Master, assisted by W. Bro. Cruickshank, which was done in a creditable manner. The Historical Register of this Lodge has never been written up, so far as Lodge history is concerned, but I am assured that this will be done before the inspection. This Lodge is fortunate in having a first class Secretary and the arrears of dues which were heavy at the beginning of the past year have been reduced to a minimum.

SUMMIT No. 30, COLEMAN

I visited Summit Lodge in my official capacity on April 5th at a regular meeting and found the books in good shape, with Rt. W. Bro. Quimette as Secretary. Two new members were received this evening, the W.M., Bro. Hunter, doing his work well and being ably assisted by his Wardens. After the session the members partook of a light banquet, at which many matters pertaining to Masonry were discussed under the different toasts. I was pleased with the spirit of fraternity shown to exist among the members of this Lodge and the trouble taken to impress new members with the proper spirit.

CHINOOK No. 47, COWLEY

Although present at every meeting of this, my home Lodge, I visited it officially on April 2nd, when three new members were initiated and one raised. The officers are efficient, dues are low and prospects are good.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN No. 86, BLAIRMORE

I met the members of this Lodge at an emergent meeting on April 6th and found that the Lodge was working under difficulties through absence of members. However, they are slowly increasing their membership and conditions should improve. I suggested that the three York Lodges in the Pass should make up a team for their Third Degree work from the most efficient

brothers of each Lodge, as the other two Lodges were experiencing the same difficulty. If this suggestion is acted upon there should be a marked improvement in the work and a renewed interest created. The books of this Lodge are in good shape and in good hands and the work of the officers so far as I saw was efficient.

In conclusion, I would heartily recommend that whenever possible exchanges of visits should be made by Lodge Officers with their Sister Lodges, as there is always a new idea to be picked up. On the whole conditions are generally satisfactory under the present conditions and prospects are good. I trust, M.W., Sir, that my stewardship has met with your approval and that I may have been permitted to help on the cause of Masonry even in some slight manner by my official acts during my term of office. I wish to thank the brethren of the different Lodges for the many acts of courtesy extended, and who have, through you, reposed their confidence in me.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

M. A. MURPHY,

D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District.

Masonry throughout the District is in good condition and I find the tendency in most of the Lodges to very faithfully perform the obligations and a great desire among the brethren to make their particular Lodge excel in the District.

My first visit was paid to Drumheller, where I instituted Symbol Lodge. This Lodge, while still under Dispensation, had suffered disabilities through the loss of its equipment by fire. I found the brethren here both enthusiastic and progressive. Pressure of other business made it impossible for me to make a second visit, as I greatly desired to do, but I was well satisfied with the state of the Lodge and found the brethren well versed in Masonry and had great pleasure in handing them their Charter on behalf of Grand Lodge.

I also visited Hanna Lodge No. 78, Ionic Lodge at Alix, Apollo Lodge of Stettler, Beaver Lodge at Castor, Coronation Lodge and Acadia Lodge at Youngstown, in the order named, and I found satisfactory conditions in each.

I made two attempts to visit St. Andrews Lodge at Trochu, once in January, and again in February, but each time storms had held up the train service and I was unable to reach my destination.

I received a petition from Acadia Valley regarding the formation of a Lodge at that point. Receipts from all the proposed charter members were not available in time for me to do anything further with this during my term of office.

A petition has also been signed, after recommendation by Hanna Lodge, for the formation of a new Lodge in the town of Delia, to be known as Hand Hills Lodge. This will no doubt be instituted at an early date in the coming year.

I must take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of this District for the cordial welcome given, and the courtesy shown me during my visits to the different Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

A. A. TOWNS.

D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Edmonton, May 1st, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

The recommendations of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. P. Ruddy, D.D.G.M., of No. 3 Masonic District, and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Seed, P.D.G.M., of No. 10 Masonic District, supported by the representations of the delegates of these two Masonic Districts, present at a meeting held during recess of Grand Lodge, at Banff, on Wednesday, May 31st, 1916, "That Districts No. 3 and 10 be rearranged into three Districts, viz., Nos. 3, 10 and 12. The request was granted. No. 10 consisting of the following Lodges:

No. 11—Acacia, Edmonton South.

No. 13—Victoria, Fort Saskatchewan.

No. 24—Vermillion, Vermilion.

No. 25—St. Johns, Vegreville.

No. 38—Hope, Manville.

No. 63—Empire, Edmonton.

No. 71—Tawatinaw, Athabasca.

No. 90—Norwood, Edmonton.

Having had the honor of being elected as D.D.G.M. for this District, I beg to submit the following report:

Permit me, in the first place, to express to the brethren my

thanks for the high honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth Masonic District and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown me on all my official visits, which has made my year of office a pleasure, also to those brethren who so ably assisted me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

On June 5th, 1916, I sent letters to all the Secretaries of the Lodges in the District, informing them of the redistribution of the District and the Lodges comprising it, also to arrange dates that I might visit all the Lodges, in the company of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. This was successfully achieved through their prompt replies to my communication.

My first official duty was to attend and take part in a joint installation of the officers of Norwood Lodge No. 90, Patricia Lodge No. 91, and Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, held on Monday, June 26th, 1916, at the Masonic Hall, 102nd Street, Edmonton. The ceremony was conducted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in the presence of a large attendance of Edmonton Masons.

During the past year I have visited each Lodge in this District at least twice (with one exception) and find all the Lodges are feeling the effect of the war on their attendances and finances on account of so many members enlisting for overseas.

ACACIA LODGE No. 11, EDMONTON SOUTH

On October 12th, 1916, in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Darling, J.G.W., and V.W. Bro. C. J. LaKey, I officially visited this Lodge. The work of the First Degree was exemplified in a manner which reflects great credit to the W.M., W. Bro. Fleming and his officers. I again visited the Lodge on December 27th, 1916, and assisted Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. A. Carmichael in the installation of its officers for the present year.

On March 29th, 1917, I had the honor of accompanying the Most Worshipful Grand Master on his official visit to the Lodge, when the work of the First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. E. C. DeRousie, W.M., and his officers in a very impressive manner. Forty-three members of this Lodge have enlisted for overseas, some have paid the supreme sacrifice. Though so many active members are away, the brethren are carrying on the work in an excellent manner and the Lodge is increasing its membership.

The Secretary's books and Historical Register are all up-to-date and are well kept and a credit to the Lodge.

VICTORIA LODGE No. 13, FT. SASKATCHEWAN

On Sept. 12th, with the Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Darling, J.G.W.; V. Wor. Bro. G. Easterby, S.G.D.; W. Bro. H. Fidler, and Bro. J. A. McGibbon, I accompanied the Most Wor. the Grand Master to this Lodge, on his official visit. As it was a meeting called specially to receive us, there was no degree work. A good attendance

of officers and brethren were present and listened to the very interesting addresses given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and others.

On May 1st, 1917, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Dr. Darling, J.G.W.; V. Wor. Bro. C. J. LaKey; Bro. Potter, and Bro. Dr. J. A. McGibbon, I again visited this Lodge, when the work of the Second Degree was very ably exemplified by W. Bro. W. A. Graham, W.M., and his officers.

The Lodge is in good financial condition and is fortunate in being the owner of the premises they occupy, without being burdened by debt or heavy taxation.

I examined their Historical Register and the Secretary's books and found them all in good order and excellent condition. Eight are on active service, seventeen live out of town, average attendance eleven. Thanks are due to Bro. Dr. J. A. McGibbon for on each occasion taking us out in his car.

VERMILION LODGE No. 24, VERMILION

On September 5th, 1916, I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on his official visit to this Lodge, and we were very cordially received by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Seed, P.D.D.G.M., and others. The afternoon was spent in examining the books of the Lodge. In the evening I had the honor, with Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Seed, in assisting the Most Wor. the Grand Master in the dedication of their new hall, which they have leased. It is well furnished and pleasantly situated. The work of the First Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by W. Bro. T. H. Taylor, W.M., assisted by W. Bro. H. R. Parker and officers.

I again visited the Lodge on March 6th, 1917, when the work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. W. E. Mackenzie, W.M., and his officers in an excellent manner. This Lodge seems to be in a very flourishing condition and have splendid opportunities for usefulness. There are twelve of the brethren on active service, twenty-one of the brethren are out-of-town members. I congratulate the Secretary, W. Bro. J. Brimacombe, on the condition of the Lodge books and desire to thank the brethren for their unfailing kindness and courtesy.

SAINT JOHNS LODGE No. 25, VEGREVILLE

I had the honor on September 4th, 1916, of accompanying the Most Wor. the Grand Master on his official visit to this Lodge. In the afternoon I examined the Secretary's books. In the evening the Third Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. H. H. Hacker, W.M., very ably assisted by his officers. The brethren work in the York Rite, and I have pleasure in recording their efficiency as perfect.

I again visited the Lodge on March 5th, 1917, and saw the work of the First Degree given in an excellent manner by W. Bro. H. A. Meredith, W.M., and I also had the honor of conferring the installed Masters Degree on W. Bros. H. H. Hacker and H. A. Meredith.

The Secretary's books are well kept, all the books are up-to-date, with the exception of the Historical Register, which has been lost. A new one is now being applied for. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, good fellowship and harmony prevails and it has an exceedingly bright future before it. Nine of the brethren are on active service.

HOPE LODGE No. 38, MANVILLE

On September 6th, 1916, I accompanied the Most Wor. the Grand Master on his official visit to this Lodge. The afternoon was spent in an examination of the Secretary's books. In the evening the work was in the Second Degree and was conferred by W. Bro. S. V. Lea and his officers in a very able manner. We were afterwards entertained by the brethren, when the Most Wor. the Grand Master gave a very interesting address on "Masonic Charity and How It Is Sometimes Practised."

I had arranged to visit this Lodge again on March 7th, 1917, but owing to a large number of the brethren being absent from town the meeting could not be held. The Secretary brought his books to Vermilion on March 6th, and I examined them and am pleased to find that they have been brought up to date. This Lodge has had many difficulties to contend with but the prospects now seem brighter and I sincerely wish them every success.

EMPIRE LODGE No. 63, EDMONTON

On September 18th, 1916, the Most Wor. the Grand Master paid his official visit to this Lodge, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Darling, J.G.W.; V. Wor. Bro. D. N. McLeod, J.G.D., and myself. There was a good attendance and work in the First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. H. H. Rendall, W.M., and the officers in a very excellent manner.

On the afternoon of December 27th, 1916, a joint installation of this Lodge and Commercial, No. 81, G.R.A., took place and I assisted in this ceremony Rt. Wor. Bro. D. McIntosh, D.D.G.M., of District No. 3.

I again visited the Lodge on Monday, April 16th, 1917, when the work of the Second Degree was conferred by the W. Master, W. Bro. Ernest Fidler, and the officers, in a very excellent and businesslike manner. I was gratified to find that every officer had signed the register and was in his place when I entered the Lodge. The average attendance of this Lodge is excellent, seeing it has a small membership and that one-third of its members are on active service.

The books are all in excellent condition and up-to-date in every respect. The Lodge is to be congratulated on having such a painstaking Secretary as V. Wor. Bro. C. J. LaKey, one of its P.M.'s.

TAWATINAW LODGE No. 71, ATHABASCA

On August 25th, 1916, in the company of the Most Wor. the Grand Master, I paid an official visit to this Lodge and we were

kindly received by W. Bro. Nancekiville, the W.M., and others. It was an emergent meeting, convened specially to receive us on our official visit and no work was done. An impressive address was delivered by the M.W. Grand Master on the necessity of supporting the Funds in aid of disabled soldiers who are Masons and their dependents. During the evening V. Wor. Bro. C. A. Dallas was invested by the Grand Master as a Grand Steward of Grand Lodge.

I again visited the Lodge on Wednesday, February 7th, 1917, and was received by the brethren, with their usual kindness and hospitality. There was a good attendance; the First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. L. Sawle and officers. I congratulate the brethren on their work which was well done. The brethren work in the York Rite. It is the most northerly Lodge in No. 10 District. It has suffered somewhat severely through the removal of many of its members to the Peace River District. I congratulate Bro. T. D. M. Latta on the improvement that is shown in the books and records of the Lodge. I would like to draw attention to the fact that the Lodge carries no insurance on its property because no company will take the risk. What can Grand Lodge do in the matter?

NORWOOD LODGE No. 90, EDMONTON

This Lodge was instituted on Friday, August 20th, 1915, with a membership of twelve. Four enlisted and are overseas, one went to Toronto, another to Scotland through sickness, leaving six only to carry on the work. A Charter was granted at Grand Lodge, in May, 1916, and the election of officers immediately followed. The Lodge has a membership of forty-four. Ten brethren have enlisted, one having been killed at the front. The average attendance is twenty-six. The Lodge is in a good financial condition. I desire to thank the brethren for having made me a life member of the Lodge.

On Tuesday, October 10th, 1916, I paid an official visit to this Lodge and saw the work exemplified in the First Degree in an impressive form by W. Bro. R. Moss and his officers. The books are well kept, the Historical Record being exceptionally fine and without doubt the best in this district.

On Tuesday, March 13th, 1917, I accompanied the Most Wor. the Grand Master, on his official visit to the Lodge. No work was done. It was the intention of the W.M. to put on the Third Degree, but unfortunately the candidate was prevented through business reasons from attending. There was a good attendance and the brethren fully appreciated the splendid address which was given by the Most Wor. the Grand Master.

LAMONT LODGE. U.D. LAMONT

Application having been made by the brethren at Lamont for a dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge I was directed by the Most Wor. the Grand Master to examine the three principal officers of the proposed Lodge. Arrangements having been made,

W. Bro. R. A. Bennett, W.M.; Bro. C. S. Trueman, S.W., and Bro. R. S. Foster, J.W. (officers elect) came to Edmonton, on December 9th, 1916, and at the Masonic Hall I duly examined them as to their several abilities in the opening and closing, in the three degrees of Masonry; work in the First and Second Degrees, including the lectures and also a portion of the work in the Third Degree. I was thoroughly satisfied as to their proficiency and had no hesitation in recommending that their application for a dispensation be immediately granted. Having been arranged, I proceeded to Lamont on December 22nd, accompanied by W. Bro. R. Moss, of Norwood Lodge, No. 90, G.R.A., and finding the hall suitable, I instituted Lamont Lodge, U.D., and invested the officers present.

I paid my second visit to this Lodge on Monday, March 19th, 1917, when the work in the Third Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. R. A. Bennett and his officers and I was very much gratified and pleased at the able and proficient way in which the work was carried out. I have, therefore, great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted to this Lodge at the next convocation of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

THOMAS H. WILSON,

D.D.G.M., Masonic District No. 10, G.R.A.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carmangay, May 21st, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District for the year 1916-17.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit all the Lodges in the District with the exception of Diamond City Lodge, which, owing to business pressure, I was unable to visit.

The condition of Masonry in the District is active and progressive. Good fellowship and harmony exist in all the Lodges. Degree work was exemplified in all the Lodges on the occasion of my visits, and I am pleased to be able to report that in all cases the work was well handled. All the Lodges have been careful in the selection of their officers, and also in the selection of new members.

The very important office of Secretary I found filled with men who are taking a great interest in the Lodges and keeping the work up-to-date. Dues are being collected well and over the whole district the amount of dues outstanding is comparatively small, one Lodge reporting no arrearages whatever. The

Secretaries have all been prompt in sending their returns to Grand Lodge.

There has been very little money expended in relief work in the District during the year, and I take it that there have been no immediate demands for this purpose. All the Lodges in the District have members on active service, and they are acting on the advice of Grand Lodge and are conserving their finances in view of the fact that at any time they may be called on to look after the dependents of members on active service.

The attendance at Lodge meetings has, I regret to report, been small. This is due in most cases to the fact that while the returns show the Lodges to have good memberships only a few of them reside in the Districts covered by the Lodges, and I would suggest that in future in estimating the average attendance the number residing close enough to attend Lodge only be taken into consideration.

In some cases it is a case of carelessness and lack of interest. In these cases I recommend to the Lodges that they pay more attention to the intellectual and social side of Masonry. Degree work night after night to the members who are not taking part in the work becomes monotonous and I suggest that at intervals during the year meetings be held at which no Degrees are conferred, but instead have some well-skilled brethren give short addresses on the intellectual side of Masonry.

I am certain that in this way more interest could be aroused. In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to Lodges of this District for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the honourable position of D.D.G.M. and assure you that I shall always take a keen interest in the affairs of the Eleventh Masonic District.

A. E. QUAYLE, D.D.G.M.

District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 16th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

In the year just closing I have made nine official visits in District No. 12, making one visit to each of the Lodges outside of the City of Edmonton and two visits to each of the three Lodges in the city.

It was my earnest intention to visit all of the Lodges in my District twice but regret to state that I was unable to again visit Edson No. 68, Peace River No. 89, and Wapun No. 88.

At this date I have not received a statement of work from Peace River Lodge No. 89 and am, therefore, unable to include it with other reports.

The condition of Masonry in District No. 12, in what may be termed the Country Lodges, was no doubt at "mark time" for a period more or less extended in regard to new members. In some cases this lack of growth might appear to have a distressing effect. However, I am pleased to report that at this writing there is not the slightest apprehension as to the future of these Lodges. As to the conducting of Lodge business and attention to records, books, etc., I find these Lodges need little coaching. Although they have no great cash reserves they have few liabilities and I consider them in a healthy condition financially. The Lodge rooms are well situated and with one exception well furnished.

The Lodges of my District within the city are, like nearly all City Lodges, guided by well-experienced Masons, and are giving special attention to Degree work. The correspondence and detail work is in the hands of competent Secretaries.

One noticeable thing about the City Lodges was the attendance. It seems to be the fate of City Lodges to have few active members. As a general rule in Lodges with a membership of two hundred or over the average attendance is found to be about thirty at the outside. One remedy I would suggest is the clubroom, adjacent to the Lodge room, if possible, where the members could meet informally and become better acquainted and consequently more interested in one another. This clubroom idea is in operation in an Edmonton Lodge and I find their average attendance much higher than any of the others.

Speaking generally of Masonry, as I observe it, I find an ever-increasing tendency in Lodges to add more members, and in my humble opinion by far too much emphasis is placed on increasing the membership without sufficient attention given to the character of the men who are admitted to the much-lauded and honorable society of which we think so highly. If the class of men, whom I may place in the "Jewelry Class" are to be made Masons regardless of the impression these same men may convey to the outside world about Masonry, Masonry must suffer and take the consequences which in many cases bring discredit to the whole craft.

I respectfully suggest that the above paragraph re character of applicants be carefully considered by all District Deputy Grand Masters and that they impress on all Lodges throughout the Province that character qualification must be the first essential in considering the application.

It was my good fortune on all but two occasions to have my visits in company with the Grand Master, a pleasure which I much appreciated.

I wish to thank all the brethren of District No. 12 for the many kindnesses shown me during the year.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

H. P. REID, D.D.G.M.,

District No. 12.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgement from Secretary of State of receipt of Message of Loyalty forwarded from the last Grand Communication by Grand Master. Ordered filed.

Telegram of regret from M.W. Bro. R. Patterson at his inability to be present. Ordered filed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer made report verbally pointing out that all matters as affecting his office appeared in the printed financial report by Grand Secretary.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Treasurer's report be referred to the Finance Committee."

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary, Canada, May 17th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith present the Twelfth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all monies received by me during the year ending January 31st, 1917; the Expenditures made; a Cash Statement; Statement of Receipts; Loss and Gain and Balance Sheets; also a synopsis of the Returns of the several Lodges to December 27th, 1916, together with, by instructions of the M.W. Grand Master, special communications summoned, by-laws and amendments thereto approved; Dispensations issued; Grand Representatives appointed and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS .

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 58 (12) of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge.

I have completed and issued 563 Master Masons' Certificates for brethren raised during the year.

During the past year four Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 62 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters making application for same.

CHARTERS

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the undermentioned Lodges, and the Lodges were duly constituted by the M.W. Grand Master, viz.:

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88, at Grouard, in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 21st, 1916, by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89, at Peace River Crossing, in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 26th, 1916, by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90, at Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, constituted 26th June, 1916, by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.

PATRICIA LODGE, No. 91, at Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, constituted June 26th, 1916, by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, No. 92, at Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, constituted June 26th, 1916, by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.

NEW LODGES

SYMBOL LODGE, at Drumheller, in the Ninth Masonic District. Fourteen Charter Members. Dispensation issued July 3rd, 1916. James O. E. Holden, W.M.; William D. Gordon, S.W.; John Scott Moore, J.W. Instituted 31st July, 1916, by R.W. Bro. A. A. Towns, D.D.G.M.

LAMONT LODGE, at Lamont, in the Tenth Masonic District. Eleven Charter Members. Dispensation issued December 12th, 1916. R. A. Bennett, W.M.; C. S. Trueman, S.W.; R. S. Foster, J.W. Instituted December 22nd, 1916, by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, D.D.G.M.

KITCHENER LODGE, at Rimbey, in the Fourth Masonic District. Eight Charter Members. Dispensation issued December 19th, 1916. Dr. S. J. Byers, W.M.; A. Langmuir, S.W.; Dr. W. J. Byers, J.W. Instituted 19th January, 1917, by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, D.D.G.M.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the Following Lodges:—

Calgary, No. 23	-----October	18, 1916
Hope, No. 38	-----April	5, 1917
Strathmore, No. 53	-----October	4, 1916
Charity, No. 67	-----November	11, 1916
Provost, No. 61	-----April	5, 1917
Edson, No. 68	-----August	9, 1916
Wahpun, No. 88	-----April	10, 1917
Patricia, No. 91	-----August	24, 1916

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

North Star, No. 4	-----August	31, 1916
Jasper, No. 14	-----April	19, 1917
Chinook, No. 47	-----April	23, 1917
Bassano, No. 55	-----April	14, 1917
Chief Mountain, No. 58	-----April	19, 1917
King George, No. 59	-----March	7, 1917
Empire, No. 63	-----December	27, 1916
Crescent, No. 87	-----February	3, 1917
Crescent, No. 87	-----March	23, 1917

DISPENSATIONS

TO WEAR REGALIA AT DIVINE SERVICE

Mountain View, No. 16	---June	15, 1916
North Star, No. 4	-----June	15, 1916
Excelsior, No. 80	-----June	16, 1916
Eureka, No. 10	-----June	16, 1916
Provost, No. 61	-----June	16, 1916
Lethbridge, No. 39	-----June	16, 1916
Beaver, No. 56	-----June	16, 1916
Star of the West, No. 34	---June	16, 1916
Bow Island, No. 64	-----June	19, 1916
Stavely, No. 33	-----June	19, 1916
Fidelity, No. 76	-----June	19, 1916
Coronation, No. 72	-----June	24, 1916
Camrose, No. 37	-----June	27, 1916
Palestine, No. 46	-----July	25, 1916
Gleichen, No. 36	-----August	23, 1916
Morning Star, No. 79	-----October	9, 1916
St. Andrew, No. 66	-----December	19, 1916
St. John, No. 25	-----February	12, 1917

TO ELECT AND INSTAL OUT OF TIME

Connaught, No. 69	-----August	1, 1916
Suffield, No. 85	-----January	12, 1917
Bassano, No. 55	-----January	27, 1917

TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS

Star of the West, No. 34	June	16, 1916
Spitzie, No. 6	June	17, 1916
Chinook, No. 47	June	17, 1916
Norwood, No. 90	June	17, 1916
Kenilworth, No. 29	June	17, 1916
Patricia, No. 91	June	20, 1916
Edson, No. 68	June	24, 1916
Spitzie, No. 6	July	8, 1916
Saskatchewan, No. 92	July	8, 1916
Calgary, No. 23	December	12, 1916
Unity, No. 51	December	13, 1916
Gleichen, No. 36	December	16, 1916
Ashlar, No. 28	December	16, 1916
North Star, No. 4	December	18, 1916
Vulcan, No. 74	December	18, 1916
Strathcona, No. 77	December	20, 1916
Stavely, No. 33	December	22, 1916
Zetland, No. 83	December	22, 1916
Brooks, No. 73	December	26, 1916
King Solomon, No. 41	December	26, 1916
Strathmore, No. 53	December	27, 1916
Doric, No. 31	January	5, 1917
Summit, No. 30	January	5, 1917
Robert Burns, No. 49	January	6, 1917
Lethbridge, No. 39	January	9, 1917
Comet, No. 50	January	9, 1917
Commercial, No. 81	January	17, 1917
Unity, No. 51	January	19, 1917
Joppa, No. 40	January	30, 1917

TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Bassano, No. 55	December	1, 1916
Crossfield, No. 48	March	10, 1917
Harmony, No. 75	March	12, 1917
Bowden, No. 42	May	11, 1917

TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME

Acacia, No. 11	June	8, 1916
Doric, No. 31	June	19, 1916
Mt. Lebanon, No. 54	July	18, 1916
Perfection, No. 9	July	27, 1916
Zetland, No. 83	August	2, 1916
Bow River, No. 1	Sept'ber	23, 1916
Symbol, U.D.	Sept'ber	26, 1916
King Hiram, No. 21	October	10, 1916
Acacia, No. 11	October	18, 1916
Acacia, No. 11	October	18, 1916
Patricia, No. 91	November	29, 1916
Patricia, No. 91	November	29, 1916
Strathcona, No. 77	January	13, 1917
Patricia, No. 91	January	25, 1917

TO RECONSIDER PETITIONS

Empire, No. 63 ----- January 29, 1917
 Chinook, No. 47 ----- February 22, 1917

TO CHANGE NIGHT OF REGULAR MEETING

Saskatchewan, No. 92 ---- February 21, 1917
 Fidelity, No. 76 ----- March 3, 1917

TO ACT ON PETITION WITHOUT LODGE JURISDICTION

Patricia, No. 91 ----- August 1, 1916
 Edson, No. 68 ----- January 13, 1917

TO INITIATE WITHOUT FULL RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION

Commercial, No. 81 ----- August 24, 1916
 Sentinel, No. 26 ----- March 17, 1917

TO INSTALL A MASTER NOT HAVING WARDEN'S QUALIFICATIONS

Norwood, No. 90 ----- June 17, 1916
 Empire, No. 63 ----- December 22, 1916
 Saskatchewan, No. 92 ----- July 8, 1916

INCORPORATION OF LOCAL LODGES

Certificates as called for by the Grand Lodge Act of Incorporation were issued to the following Lodges to enable them to secure incorporation under this Act, viz.:

Quarry Lodge, No. 70, June 16, 1916.
 Patricia Lodge, No. 91, July 31, 1916.
 Zetland Lodge, No. 83, September 5, 1916.
 Jasper Lodge, No. 14, December 16, 1916.
 Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, February 13, 1917.
 Provost Lodge, No. 61, March 31, 1917.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Upon recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of New Zealand, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed V.W. Bro. Stanley Milroy, of Auckland, N.Z., our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Tennessee the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed Bro. B. S. Smith our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice Bro. Hobson, deceased.

The M.W. the Grand Master recommended W. Bro. D. N. MacLeod as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near this Grand Lodge. Commission was issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland carrying the rank of Junior Grand Warden.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid
R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge

ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman R.W. Bro. J. A. Wilson
R.W. Bro. J. A. Macdonald

ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Caldwell W. Bro. J. A. Wilson
R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh

ON FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. H. Darling, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy R.W. Bro. A. A. Towns
R.W. Bro. G. C. S. Patterson R.W. Bro. A. E. Quayle

AUDITORS

R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair

HALF-YEARLY RETURNS

The same old complaint made annually as to delay in punctual rendering of half-yearly returns still holds good.

MEMBERSHIP

Increase		
Membership, December 27th, 1915 -----		7166
Initiated -----	593	
Passed -----	516	
Raised -----	496	
Joined -----	205	
Reinstated -----	32	
	830	
Total increase -----		7996
Decrease		
Dimitted -----	223	
Suspended, N.P.D. -----	186	
Suspended, U.M.C. -----	6	
Died -----	77	
Total decrease -----	492	
Total membership, December 27th, 1916 -----		7504
Increase -----		338

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Moneys received between February 1st, 1916, and January 31st,
1917.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
1.	Bow River -----	\$ 287.60		Brought forward	\$3,474.12
2.	Medicine Hat ----	169.65	37.	Camrose -----	71.85
3.	Alberta -----	-----	38.	Hope -----	19.00
4.	North Star -----	146.30	39.	Lethbridge -----	97.50
5.	Cascade -----	39.20	40.	Joppa -----	44.90
6.	Spitzie -----	63.50	41.	King Solomon -----	18.55
7.	Edmonton -----	206.50	42.	Bowden -----	-----
8.	Innisfail -----	77.65	43.	Tuscan -----	49.75
9.	Perfection -----	237.00	44.	Buffalo Park ----	79.25
10.	Eureka -----	55.60	45.	Ionic -----	102.40
11.	Acacia -----	231.90	46.	Palestine -----	18.50
12.	Red Deer -----	44.80	47.	Chinook -----	21.53
13.	Victoria -----	37.00	48.	Crossfield -----	41.85
14.	Jasper -----	198.25	49.	Robert Burns ----	119.75
15.	Wetaskiwin -----	30.05	50.	Comet -----	11.25
16.	Mountain View --	26.70	51.	Unity -----	239.60
17.	Nanton -----	16.65	52.	Langdon -----	29.30
18.	Britannia -----	38.50	53.	Strathmore -----	135.90
19.	Corner Stone ----	102.40	54.	Mount Lebanon --	180.95
20.	Carstairs -----	20.90	55.	Bassano -----	64.85
21.	King Hiram -----	63.90	56.	Beaver -----	42.70
22.	Corinthian -----	47.15	57.	Grassy Lake -----	46.70
23.	Calgary -----	243.42	58.	Chief Mountain --	14.00
24.	Vermilion -----	76.90	59.	King George -----	114.25
25.	St. Johns -----	103.90	60.	Acme -----	57.25
26.	Sentinel -----	92.90	61.	Provost -----	157.40
27.	Apollo -----	86.10	62.	Coal -----	46.75
28.	Ashlar -----	189.10	63.	Empire -----	72.50
29.	Kenilworth -----	73.50	64.	Bow Island -----	70.55
30.	Summit -----	29.80	65.	Diamond City ----	62.90
31.	Doric -----	41.80	66.	St. Andrews -----	119.55
32.	Cairo -----	49.00	67.	Charity -----	74.55
33.	Stavely -----	84.30	68.	Edson -----	133.55
34.	Star of the West --	38.65	69.	Connaught -----	60.45
35.	Mizpah -----	124.40	70.	Quarry -----	49.30
36.	Gleichen -----	99.15	71.	Tawatinaw -----	49.25
Forward -----		\$3,474.12	Forward -----		\$5,992.45

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
	Brought forward	\$5,992.45		Brought forward	\$7,576.80
72.	Coronation -----	77.60	91.	Patricia -----	577.40
73.	Brooks -----	91.75	92.	Saskatchewan ----	163.30
74.	Vulcan -----	74.50	U.D. Symbol -----	150.80	
75.	Harmony -----	38.80	U.D. Kitchener -----	61.40	
76.	Fidelity -----	.10	U.D. Lamont -----	-----	
77.	Strathcona -----	170.90	U.D. Foremost -----	25.00	
78.	Hanna -----	68.15	U.D. Valley -----	25.00	
79.	Morning Star -----	30.50	Masonic Dist. No. 8 ----	58.75	
80.	Excelsior -----	96.20	Masonic Dist. No. 11 ---	29.52	
81.	Commercial -----	71.50	Sundry Accounts -----	7.50	
82.	Acadia -----	41.40			
83.	Zetland -----	173.55			\$8,675.47
84.	Champion -----	115.05	Hillcrest Relief -----	-----	
85.	Suffield -----	85.70	Can. Lodge Hospital ---	33.00	
86.	Rocky Mountain --	61.00	A.M.H. & S. Fund -----	1,239.95	
87.	Crescent -----	157.35			
88.	Wahpun -----	52.30			\$9,948.42
89.	Peace River -----	57.70	Grand Lodge Patriotic		
90.	Norwod -----	120.30	Fund, less Exc. \$3.45	2,995.46	
	Forward -----	\$7,576.80			\$12,943.88

GEO. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

Auditors.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1916, to January 31st, 1917.

GENERAL FUND

1916—			
Feb.	3—Deposit	-----	\$ 348.05
	4— “	-----	281.45
	9— “	-----	159.45
	16— “	-----	104.50
	21— “	-----	102.72
	Forward	-----	\$ 996.17

		Brought forward	\$ 996.17
Feb.	24—	Deposit	58.20
	25—	"	53.40
	28—	"	116.50
Mar.	3—	"	43.65
	7—	"	32.70
	13—	"	45.25
	20—	"	47.40
	23—	"	75.90
	24—	"	44.70
	30—	"	27.25
Apr.	3—	"	108.80
	12—	"	31.40
	25—	"	11.20
May	2—	"	143.60
	5—	"	84.45
	10—	"	118.45
	18—	"	141.65
	23—	"	104.50
June	5—	"	50.05
	19—	"	52.55
	22—	"	13.80
	28—	"	190.95
July	3—	"	204.00
	13—	"	93.90
	19—	"	358.85
	28—	"	643.40
Aug.	3—	"	601.95
	4—	"	402.40
	16—	"	81.25
	16—	"	104.95
	18—	"	60.35
	29—	"	49.00
	30—	"	33.50
Sept.	7—	"	62.25
	11—	"	72.20
	25—	"	87.65
Oct.	5—	"	14.85
	16—	"	33.60
	26—	"	79.82
Nov.	13—	"	68.80
	20—	"	149.25
Dec.	7—	"	20.80
	26—	"	134.45
	1917—		
Jan.	9—	"	429.65
	Forward		\$6,379.39

	Brought Forward	\$6,379.39
Jan. 26—	Deposit	397.05
26—	"	645.78
29—	"	346.95
31—	"	382.90
Feb. 1—	"	292.50
	Total Deposits, General Fund	\$8,444.57

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

CASH RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1916, to January 31st, 1917

Initiation Fees	\$1,322.00
Grand Lodge Dues	3,774.10
M.M. Certificates	1,128.00
P.M. Certificates	66.00
L.M. Certificates	5.00
L.M. Fees	25.00
Charters	195.00
Dispensations	514.00
Stock	1,382.75
Exchange	63.62
Fines, Delayed Returns	200.00
Canada Lodge Field Hospital	33.00
Total General Fund	\$8,708.47
Alberta Masonic Home and School	1,239.95
	<u>\$9,948.42</u>

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

Above does not include Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund, which is on separate sheet.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

January 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916

Books and Stationery	\$ 231 75
Expense	1369 85
Fixtures	407 45
Insurance	74 10
Rent	274 00
Salaries	2000 00
Postage, Express, etc.	155 08
Printing	22 25
Regalia	237 15
Grants charged to Lodges	65 45
Benevolent Committee Grants	1385 34
G.L. Patriotic Fund, Savings Acct.	2000 00
Hillcrest Relief, Savings Acct.	1145 87
A. M. H. & S. Fund, Savings Acct.	500 00
Total Cheques issued	<u>\$9868 29</u>

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

HILLCREST RELIEF FUND

Feb. 1st, 1916, Cash in Savings Account	\$1145 40
Savings Interest	16 82
	<u>\$1162 22</u>
Less—	
Jan. 1st, 1917, Sentinel Lodge	150 00
Feb. 1st, 1917, Cash in Savings Account	<u>\$1012 22</u>

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR.

ALBERTA MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1916, Cash in Savings Account	\$1784 98
R. A. Pyne	\$620 00
Less Discharge	5 50
	614 50
Diamond City Lodge No. 65	45 85
Grand Lodge Grant, 1915,	500 00
Bank Interest	74 10
	\$3019 43
Less: Mortgage placed C. Gee	2500 00
Feb. 1st, 1917, Cash in Savings Acct.	\$ 519 43

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

BANK BALANCE—GENERAL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1916, Cash in Bank	\$5033 18
Deposits	8444 57
	\$13477 75
Cheques issued	9868 29
Feb. 1st, 1917, Cash in Bank	\$ 3609 46

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

CANADIAN VOLUNTARY FIELD HOSPITAL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1916—Balance at Credit	\$137 00
Victoria Lodge No. 13	33 00
Feb. 1st, 1917—Balance at Credit	\$170 00

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

GRAND LODGE PATRIOTIC FUND RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1916, to January 31st, 1917

4. North Star	\$ 100 15
8. Innisfail	100 00
15. Wetaskiwin	10 00
16. Mountain View	21 00
18. Britannia	50 00
35. Mizpah	140 00
36. Gleichen	100 30
37. Camrose	50 00
42. Bowden	15 00
45. Ionic	101 50
73. Brooks	50 40
77. Strathcona	25 00
78. Hanna	20 00
88. Wapapun	25 00
Grand Lodge, 1915 and 1916	2000 00
Grand Master, E. T. Bishop	172 50
Savings Bank Interest	17 96
	<u>\$2998 81</u>

G. MACDONALD.

Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS.

S. J. BLAIR,

GRAND LODGE PATRIOTIC FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1st, 1916—Cash in Bank	\$ 129 85
Receipts, 1916	\$2998 81
Less Exchange	3 35
Net Deposits	<u>2995 46</u>
Feb. 1st, 1917—Cash in Savings Acct.	\$3125 31

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS ISSUED

January 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916

No.	Name.	Amount.
1.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	\$ 35 00
2.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
3.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Benev. Grt., Mrs. McClelland -----	18 55
4.	Calgary City Delivery, Benev. Grant -----	4 00
5.	Star Printing Works, Books and Expense -----	10 25
6.	Geo. Macdonald, postage, etc. -----	7 25
7.	Dominion Regalia, Regalia -----	114 75
8.	Star Printing Works, Books and Printing -----	17 25
9.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Benev. Grant -----	2 00
10.	Geo. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	2 75
11.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	166 00
12.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
13.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
14.	G.L. Patriotic Fund, Grant, 1915 -----	1000 00
15.	S. Y. Taylor, G.M. Trav. Expense -----	103 05
16.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
17.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
18.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Ben. Grt., Mrs. McClelland -----	13 58
19.	Geo. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	12 50
20.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	167 00
21.	Bowden Lodge No. 42, Grant to Patriotic Fund ----	15 00
22.	Calgary City Delivery, Expense -----	2 25
23.	Dickinson, J. H., Rubber Stamp -----	2 50
24.	Star Printing Works, Books and Expense -----	10 75
25.	Stafford & Kent, Engrossing Charter -----	3 00
26.	Mrs. Howe, Benev. Grant -----	10 00
27.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant -----	35 00
28.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
29.	J. T. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	6 80
30.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	167 00
31.	Star Printing Works, Books and Stationery -----	12 00
32.	Stafford & Kent, Engrossing Charter -----	3 00
33.	Linton Bros., Books and Stationery -----	19 50
34.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Ben. Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	10 60
35.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
36.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
37.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	167 00
38.	J. T. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	9 25
39.	Star Printing Works, Expense -----	8 25
40.	Toole, Peet & Co., Insurance -----	74 10
41.	Edmonton Bd. of Rel., Benev. Grant -----	20 00
42.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Ben. Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13 18
Forward -----		2443 11

No.	Name.	Amount.
	Brought forward -----	\$2443 11
43.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
44.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
45.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	166 00
46.	J. T. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	8 00
47.	Star Printing Works, Expense -----	4 25
48.	Whittaker, Anderson, Benev. Grant, Mrs. McClelland	36 00
49.	A. J. Davis, Expenses at Gr. Lodge -----	25 00
50.	T. Allen, Masonic Choir at G.L. -----	50 00
51.	Banff Springs Hotel, Banquet etc. -----	329 50
52.	G.L. Patriotic Fund, G.L. Grant, 1916 -----	1000 00
53.	A.M.H. & S. Fund, G.L. Grant, 1915 -----	500 00
54.	Dom. Regalia Co., Regalia -----	44 30
55.	Star Ptg. Works, Expense -----	9 00
56.	E. T. Bishop, G.M. Expenses -----	100 00
57.	Bruce, R.C., G. Tyler, Expenses at G.L., 1916 -----	21 00
58.	Telephone Co., Rent Telephone -----	8 50
59.	Masonic Quartette, Expenses to Banff -----	34 00
60.	Stafford & Kent, Engrossing Charters -----	15 00
61.	Hanna Lodge No. 78, G.L. Patriotic Fund -----	20 00
62.	Cal. Furniture Store, Furniture, G. Sec. Office -----	71 33
63.	Neilson Fur. Co., Furniture, G. Sec. Office -----	109 27
64.	Star Ptg. Works, Expense -----	10 50
65.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Ben. Grt., Mrs. McClelland	11 34
66.	Calgary Bookbinding Co., Mailing Tubes -----	4 00
67.	J. T. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	12 50
68.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	166 00
69.	D. O. McHugh, Ben. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
70.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
71.	Alta. Fin. Brokers, Furniture G. Sec. Office -----	36 60
72.	Hillcrest Relief Fund, Transferred to Svg. Acct. --	1145 40
73.	Campbell & Tait, Rent, Elma Block -----	99 00
74.	Macdonald Hardware Co., Furniture & Ben. Grant	28 87
74a.	S. Y. Taylor, G.M. Trav. Expense -----	85 00
75.	J. T. Macdonald, Trav. Exp. Gr. Lodge -----	27 45
76.	Remington Typewriter. Expense -----	75
77.	Graham & McCall, Benev. Grant -----	100 00
78.	S. S. Beebe, Monitor, Fees Returned -----	25 00
79.	Gt. North West Tele. Co., Telegrams -----	8 19
80.	Brewster Tdg. Co., Moving Trunks at G.L. -----	3 00
81.	Cal. Water Power Co., Light, Gr. Sec. Office -----	40
82.	Calgary Cartage Co., Moving to Elma Block -----	12 95
83.	J. Harrison, Fixtures at Elma Block -----	123 05
84.	Dom. Regalia Co., Regalia -----	122 40
85.	Linton Bros., Stationery -----	38 40
86.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
	Forward -----	\$7170 06

No.	Name.	Amount.
	Brought forward -----	\$7170 06
87.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Elma Block -----	10 00
88.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary -----	166 00
89.	J. T. Macdonald, Postage, etc. -----	20 65
90.	Macdonald Hardware Co., Fixtures, etc., Ben. Grant -----	22 95
91.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
92.	Star Ptg. Works, Books and Stationery -----	30 70
93.	Whittaker, Anderson, Benev. Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	36 00
94.	E. T. Bishop, G.M. Trav. Expense -----	200 00
95.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary and Expense, Postage -----	179 50
96.	Symbol Lodge, U.D., Cash overpaid refunded ----	5 45
97.	Cal. Water Power Co., Elec. Light -----	75
98.	Cunningham Elec. Co., Electric Lights -----	4 80
99.	Star Ptg. Works, Expense -----	3 50
100.	Stafford & Kent, Engrossing Charter -----	3 00
101.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
102.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
103.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5 00
104.	J. A. Irvine Co., Furniture, G. Sec. Office -----	40 00
105.	Telephone Co., Phone Rent -----	2 65
106.	Macdonald Grocery Co., Ben. Grt., Mrs. McClelland -----	6 75
107.	G.N.W Tele. Co., Telegrams -----	2 11
108.	H. P. Reid, D.D.G.M. No. 12, Trav. Exp. -----	79 80
	Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Exchange & War Tax Stamp -----	17
	Edson No. 68, Exchange -----	15
109.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
	Empire Lodge No. 63, Exchange on cheque -----	15
110.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
111.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	187 21
112.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5 00
113.	Campbell & Tait, Office Rent 3 mos. -----	99 00
114.	Star Printing Works, Books and Stationery -----	21 50
115.	G. Lodge of Canada, Books -----	50 00
116.	Shepherd, Dunlop & Co., Ben. Grt., Mrs. McClelland -----	55 10
117.	J. Irwin Co., Benev. Grt., Mrs. McClelland -----	17 10
118.	City of Calgary, Benev. Grant, Mrs. McClelland ----	174 33
119.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	192 10
120.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5 00
121.	J. Irwin Co., Benev. Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	10 05
122.	E. T. Bishop, Benev. Grant, F. J. Pyle, Lodge No 63 -----	75 00
123.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant -----	15 00
124.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35 00
125.	J. Irwin Co., Benev. Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	10 00
126.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	193 68
127.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5 00
	Forward -----	\$9275 21

No.	Name.	Amount.
	Brought forward	\$9275 21
128.	Mrs. McClelland, Benev. Grant	15 00
129.	D. O. McHugh, Benev. Grant, Mrs. Weir	35 00
130.	Star Printing Works, Books and Stationery	91 00
131.	Whittaker, Anderson Co., Ben. Grt., Mrs. McClelland	36 00
132.	Campbell & Tait, Office Rent, 2 mos.	66 00
133.	Canada Fine Art Co., Expense	50 15
134.	J. Irwin Co., Ben. Grant, Mrs. McClelland	9 95
135.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc.	188 75
136.	J. Macpherson, Wages, Janitor	5 00
137.	D. O. McHugh, Ben. Grant, Mrs. Weir	35 00
138.	Mrs. McClelland, Ben. Grant	15 00
139.	Star Printing Works, Printing	14 00
140.	Masonic Relief Association, 1916 Fees	37 08
	Refund deposited in Bank by T. Allen	\$9873 14
		4 85
	Net Total Vouchers issued	\$9868 29

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1917

2. Medicine Hat ----\$	15	Brought forward \$	261 85
3. Alberta	156 70	21. King Hiram	21 25
4. North Star	1 35	22. Corinthian	45
5. Cascade	15	23. Calgary	1 90
7. Edmonton	29 95	25. St. John	20 85
8. Innisfail	65	29. Kenilworth	1 00
9. Perfection	1 80	30. Summit	75 45
10. Eureka	1 00	31. Doric	25 50
11. Acacia	75	33. Stavely	2 60
12. Red Deer	63 05	34. Star of the West..	90
14. Jasper	75	35. Mizpah	15
16. Mtn. View	2 05	36. Gleichen	30
17. Nanton	3 50	38. Hope	2 00
Forward	\$ 261 85	Forward	\$ 414 20

Brought forward \$ 414 20		Brought forward \$ 782 22	
39. Lethbridge -----	45	71. Tawatinaw -----	4 30
40 Joppa -----	2 15	72. Coronation -----	1 80
41. King Solomon ---	3 40	73. Brooks -----	40
43. Tuscan -----	1 15	74. Vulcan -----	13 25
44. Buffalo Park ---	45 45	75. Harmony -----	1 25
45. Ionic -----	15	76. Fidelity -----	174 10
46. Palestine -----	10 45	77. Strathcona -----	28 05
48. Crossfield -----	77	78. Hanna -----	11 50
49. Robert Burns ---	25	79. Morning Star ---	19 05
50. Comet -----	17 60	80. Excelsior -----	1 70
51. Unity -----	4 30	81. Commercial -----	44 00
52. Langdon -----	8 50	83. Zetland -----	1 40
53. Strathmore -----	26 40	84. Champion -----	1 00
55. Bassano -----	1 55	85. Suffield -----	2 00
57. Grassy Lake -----	72 00	86. Rocky Mtn. -----	130 70
58. Chief Mtn. -----	24 20	87. Crescent -----	5 75
60. Acme -----	20 80	88. Wahpun -----	14 75
61. Provost -----	13 65	90. Norwood -----	48 00
62. Coal -----	61 75	U.D. Lamont -----	55
63. Empire -----	11 65	District No. 7 -----	28 40
65. Diamond City -----	30 85	District No. 8 -----	125 45
66. St. Andrew -----	1 90	District No. 11 -----	15 66
67. Charity -----	4 80	District No. 12 -----	68 00
68. Edson -----	3 55	Sundry Small Accounts	30 60
69. Connaught -----	30		
Forward -----	\$ 782 22	Total -----	\$1553 88

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1917

6. Spitzie -----	\$ 1 85
18. Britannia ----	1 75
26. Sentinel -----	45
28. Ashlar -----	75
42. Bowden -----	16 60
70. Quarry -----	3 55
Forward -----	\$24 95

	Bt. forward --	\$24 95
82.	Acadia -----	7 70
89.	Peace River --	25
91.	Patricia -----	2 50
92.	Saskatchewan	1 75
U.D.	Symbol -----	30
	Foremost ----	25 00
	Valley -----	25 00
	Dist. No. 9 --	25

\$87 70

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund

Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing 8% interest	-----	\$3000 00
Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing 8% interest	-----	4000 00
Mortgage, C. Gee, bearing 8% interest	-----	2500 00
		\$9500 00

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

UNPAID INTEREST

As at 31st December, 1916

Mortgage.	Amount.	Interest.
J. T. Macdonald -----	\$3000 00	\$374 40
J. T. Macdonald -----	4000 00	386 20
Geo. Gee -----	2500 00	108 50
		\$869 10

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

INVENTORY OF STOCK

January 31st, 1917

Minute Books -----	1	\$ 3 90
Attendance Register -----	21	84 00
Historical Register -----	2	8 50
Secretary's Cash Book -----	2	3 50
Black Book -----	2	3 50
Financial Record -----	10	12 50
Certificates:—		
Elective Officers -----	200	7 50
Appointed Officers -----	200	7 50
Grand Representatives -----	100	9 00
D. D. G. M. -----	100	6 00
Dispensations:—		
New Lodges -----	195	4 00
General -----	1000	12 00
Regalia -----	300	2 00
Returns Forms -----	200	15 00
Card Cabinets -----	21	94 50
Cards -----	18000	135 00
Petitions, Initiation -----	1000	6 75
Petitions, Affiliation -----	3000	19 20
Reference on Petitions -----	2000	8 00
Rejections -----	1500	6 00
Suspension, N.P.D. -----	800	3 75
Restored, N.P.D. -----	700	4 25
Delinquent Dues -----	250	1 50
Suspensions, U.M.C. -----	700	3 85
Restored, U.M.C. -----	700	3 85
Certificate of Standing -----	700	14 00
D.D.G.M. Returns -----	100	12 00
Lodge Statements of Work -----	100	1 00
Receipt Forms -----	500	2 00
Agreement -----	500	3 75
Certificate, Installation -----	1000	9 50
Proxy -----	1000	5 50
Order on Treasurer -----	4	2 00
Receipt Books -----	5	2 50
Ballots -----	2000	8 00
Envelopes, Small -----	1000	4 25
Medium -----	250	2 00
Large -----	100	2 00
Letterheads -----	1500	8 00
Gum Labels -----	1000	3 75
Seals, White and Blue -----	1200	2 75
Lodge Circulars -----	3500	22 00
Visitors' Cards -----	700	2 10
Visitors' Notices -----	700	2 10
Forward -----		\$ 581 69

Brought forward -----			\$ 581 69
Constitutions, etc.:			
Constitutions -----			
Ceremonials -----	295	206 50	
Const. Ceremonials -----	4	2 40	
Manual, York -----	220	605 00	
Manual -----	31	31 00	
G.L. Ceremonials -----	5	2 00	
By-Laws -----	600	30 00	
			876 90
Certificates:			
M.M. Certificates -----	400	180 00	
P.M. Certificates -----	12	50	
L.M. Certificates -----	35	* 1 80	
Charters -----	85	255 00	
			437 30
Office Furniture and Fixtures:			
Furniture and Fixtures -----		400 00	
Cabinet and Records -----		300 00	
Plate, M.M. Certificates -----		210 00	
Numbering Machine -----		4 00	
Transfer Cases -----		20 00	
Typewriter -----		45 00	
Mimeograph -----		20 00	
Seal Press -----		15 00	
Letter Press -----		5 00	
Sundry Stationery -----		40 00	
Loose Leaf Binders -----		15 00	
			1074 00
Regalia:			
G.L. Regalia -----			300 00
Total -----			\$3269 89

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

As at January 31st, 1917

Albertan Publishing Co., Ltd., Proceedings, 1916 ----- \$467 30

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at January 31st(1917

Assets:

General Fund:

Boks and Stationery in Stock -----	\$ 581 69	
Constitutions, etc., in Stock -----	876 90	
Certificates, etc., in Stock -----	437 30	
Office Furniture and Fixtures -----	1074 00	
Regalia -----	300 00	
Due from Subordinate Lodges -----	1553 88	
Cash on Hand -----	231 60	
Cash in Bank -----	3609 46	
		<u>\$8664 83</u>

Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund:

Mortgages, J. T. Macdonald -----	7000 00	
Mortgage Geo. Gee -----	2500 00	
Interest due and unpaid -----	869 10	
Cash in Savings Bank -----	519 43	
		<u>10888 53</u>

Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund:

Cash in Savings Bank -----	3125 31	
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Hillcrest Relief Fund:

Cash in Savings Bank -----	1012 22	
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\$23690 89

Liabilities:

Canada Lodge Hospital Fund -----	170 00	
Lodge Credit Balances -----	87 70	
Sundry Accounts Payable -----	467 30	
		<u>725 00</u>

\$22965 89

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct:

F. R. JELFS,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr. G. W. Kerby (83), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report and the Financial portions thereof to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I submit hereunder the report of your Librarian for the year which period the following donations have been received and added to Grand Lodge Library:—

Cloth Bound Proceedings:

North Carolina, 1916.

Iowa, 1916.

New Zealand, 1916.

Washington, 1916.

Illinois, 1916.

Kentucky, 1916.

Ohio, 1916.

West Virginia, 1916.

Georgia, 1916.

Texas, 1916.

Arkansas, 1916.

Tennessee, 1917.

Copies of Proceedings of all recognized Grand Lodges.

Also the following miscellaneous publications:

Supplement to Constitution, G.L. of Kentucky.

Masonic Life and Services of Joseph Robbins, G.L. of Illinois.

Masonic Code, G.L. of North Dakota.

History of South Australia, Vol. 1, G.L. of South Australia.

Addresses and Exercises, Semi-Centennial Celebration, G.L.
Montana.

General Lafayette's Fraternal Connections, G.L. of Pennsylvania.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the several donors of above valuable literature.

The Library is now located at 14 Elma Block and is open daily for the use of all brethren who so desire.

Fraternally submitted.

G. MACDONALD.

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Dr. G. W. Kerby (83), seconded by W. Bro. Thomas Rankine (1), "That the Grand Librarian's Report be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL
PURPOSES

Banff, May 30th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The Board of General Purposes reports that our last meeting was held at Banff on June 1st, 1916, at which meeting the appointment of members to the several sub-committees were made for the ensuing year.

The Board again met at Banff on May 29th, 1917, when the several matters requiring attention were distributed to the several committees concerned with the same. These several matters will appear in the reports as presented by the sub-committees.

The Board further submit for favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge the following recommendations:

The Board of General Purposes recommends that the sum of one thousand dollars be given to the Y.M.C.A. War Fund and that the Representative of that Association be permitted to address Grand Lodge.

The Board further recommends that Grand Lodge support Perfection Lodge in straightening out the Estate of Mrs. Wright, sister of the late Grand Tyler, Bro. Finch, to the extent of half the amount but not to exceed \$300.00 and that a sum not exceeding \$20.00 per month for 1 year be paid to Perfection Lodge towards the maintenance of Mrs. Wright. This arrangement being on the understanding that the property of the Estate is placed in Trust with Perfection Lodge and that a detailed report be forwarded to Grand Lodge at next Communication.

In the event of the death of Mrs. Wright the above advances shall become a lien on the Estate.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Banff, May 29th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a request from Sentinel Lodge No. 26 of Hillcrest, asking that the village of Frank be made territory open to either they or Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 of Blairmore, having carefully considered the reasons advanced by Sentinel Lodge "that their Charter was first granted at Frank and that a number of their members still reside there."

As the Jurisdiction of a Lodge is clearly defined in Section 315 of our Constitution we recommend that no change be made.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BLAIR,
G. H. HOGBIN,
S. Y. TAYLOR.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND
APPEALS

Banff, May 29th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee advise that five cases have been submitted to them for consideration, all of them dealing with fees and fines.

Of these, one, that of Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, Red Deer, asking for refund of fee paid for dispensation, granted permitting installation of officers on other than Constitutional date. Having considered the correspondence in connection, we would recommend that the request be not granted.

Four asking for remission of fines imposed for late returns.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76, BASHAW.

In this case there are two outstanding fines against the Lodge, one of \$10 in December, 1913, and one of \$30 in December, 1914. In view of the bad financial condition of the Lodge and the assurance of payment of large outstanding account, your Committee recommends remission of the fines.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN, No. 36, BLAIRMORE.

This is a case where the present Secretary writes that the Lodge had a hard time keeping a Secretary on account of enlistments, having had no less than nine in 1915 and 1916. Having taken this into consideration we would recommend that this \$20 fine be remitted.

DORIC, No. 31, TABER.

In this case the Secretary writes that the returns were delayed through negligence on the part of the former Secretary. As the Masters of Lodges are responsible for prompt forwarding of returns, we do not deem the reason sufficient to justify any reduction.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3, MACLEOD.

This is a case in which the former Secretary advises that he was personally responsible for delayed returns and asks that the amount of the fine be charged to him directly instead of the Lodge. Such a course being impossible, we would recommend that the matter be adjusted between himself and the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. LOWRY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of Rt. Wor. Bro. M. A. Murphy (47), seconded by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION
OF MASONRY.

Banff, May 29th, 1917.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry in the Province report as follows:

The average attendance and arrearages would assuredly indicate waning interest in Lodges generally. There are several Lodges with average attendance of seven, eight and nine.

There are mitigating conditions, nearly all due to the European struggle, but lack of social and intellectual phases of Lodge effort would appear perhaps equally, or more, responsible. Efficient rendering of "The Work" is much to be admired, but we must also hold our membership by giving them the fellowship and inspiration that Masonry stands for and that are so much needed today. In our opinion, another cause for poor average

attendance and arrearages is the number of new members who seldom or never attend, evidence of no real interest, or at most, a selfish one. Permit us to remind the officers of every Lodge of the constant necessity for care in this respect.

About one-third of all the Lodges have done little or no charitable work during the year.

In almost every district there are one or more Lodges in depressed circumstances, both financially and generally, manifested by few meetings inadequately attended and inattention to the ordinary and regular business of the Lodge.

In a general way the financial condition is satisfactory, most Lodges having enough funds and income to meet demands, but the question of arrears of dues is a very serious one. We find a total of over \$21,000 owing the Lodges, by its members. We find that 20 per cent. or more of the total membership are in arrears for dues for more than one year. This condition is surely leading toward disaster. We do not recommend wholesale suspension, but rather an earnest grappling of the problem by the officers in an effort to collect.

We find one or two Lodges in each district without insurance. We would recommend that each newly elected D.D.G.M. secure, at once, a copy of his predecessor's report, and learn from that a actual condition of his Lodges in this and other respects, and take immediate steps to protect those uninsured. We would remind each D.D.G.M. that it is part of his duty to examine the Historical Register of each Lodge, and to require each Lodge to keep such register written up-to-date.

We approve the recommendation made at last session by your Committee on the Condition of Masonry as to incorporation of Lodges, and regret that many Lodges still remain without this element of strength.

We have much pleasure in recommending the following worthy brethren for the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (59)	R.W. Bro. J. A. McDonald (53)
R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman (64)	R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy (47)
R.W. Bro. D. MacIntosh (51)	R.W. Bro. A. A. Towns (72)
R.W. Bro. J. A. Wilson (8)	R. W. Bro. T. H. Wilson (90)
R.W. Bro. J. H. Caldwell (43)	R.W. Bro. A. E. Quayle (49)
R.W. Bro. C. G. S. Patterson (22)	R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14)

Fraternally submitted,

H. DARLING
J. WATSON YOUNGE

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. Darling (91), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence are pleased to report that the cordial and fraternal relations which have existed between Sister Grand Lodges and this Grand Lodge in former years, continue undisturbed.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a circular letter prepared by M.W. Bro. George R. Harvey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the Philippine Islands, which was ordered by that Grand Lodge to be printed and distributed to the various Grand Lodges with whom they were in communication.

The letter points out that a protest has been made by the District Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands under the jurisdiction of the Spanish Grand Orient against the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the Philippine Islands assuming sovereign jurisdiction over this territory.

The said District Grand Lodge is a local body under the obedience of the Masonic Federation in Spain entitled the Spanish Grand Orient. As the Grand Lodge of Alberta is not in fraternal relations with the Spanish Grand Orient we have not received any communication from them and recommend that the letter from M.W. Bro. Harvey be placed on file.

We are also in receipt of a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama asking that fraternal recognition be granted them and an exchange of Representatives arranged.

As the documents furnished with regard to the formation of this Grand Lodge and the Constitution adopted by them is printed in Spanish, your Committee request that further time be granted in order that an accurate translation of these documents may be obtained.

We submit herewith a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and request that the same be printed in the Annual Proceedings as an appendix thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Chairman.
GEO. H. HOGBIN,
M. A. MURPHY,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

The usual Financial Statements are presented herewith. They speak for themselves, and show the Grand Lodge to be in excellent financial standing. The books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary have been audited and all accounts paid have been inspected and approved by your committee.

There are no arrears of interest on our mortgage investments, and since the statements were prepared (January 31st, 1917,) \$6,500 has been invested in Canadian War Loan Bonds.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m.

First Day . . . Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED,

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M.; Grand Officers and Grand Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Banff, May 30th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report several meetings were held during the past year when applications for assistance and relief was dealt with by us. We were called upon to bury a Brother from the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada at a cost of \$100.00. The total amount disbursed for benevolence as per Financial Statement is \$1,385.34. Owing to the continuance of the war your Committee is not asking for the usual yearly grant to the Home and School Fund.

Yours fraternally,

J. T. MACDONALD,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (1), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
NEW LODGES.

Banff, May 29th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We have examined the books of Lodges under Dispensation and recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges:

Symbol Lodge, Drumheller.
Lamont Lodge, Lamont.

And that owing to the small membership of Kitchener Lodge, located at Rimbey, and the fact that dispensation was granted only in December last, we would recommend that dispensation be continued until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

A. A. TOWNS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Banff, May 28th 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Report of the Grand Lodge Librarian reviewing the same desire to express their appreciation of the value of the large number of Masonic Works and the current Reports of Proceedings so kindly donated by our Sister Grand Lodges throughout the world, all of which constitute highly valuable additions to our collection and for the gifts of which we are sincerely grateful.

We note with satisfaction that the Library is now located in the Elma Block and is accessible to every member of the Craft.

The building is situated in the centre of the City. The reading room is bright and nicely furnished, and will be a great convenience not only to the Brethren of Calgary, but to those who are visiting the City,

The reading room is open every day and we trust the members of the craft will make use of the Library to extend their knowledge of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. FLAVIN,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. A. Towns (72), seconded by M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (1), "That the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted."

Grand Lodge was called off at 2.40 p.m., when M.W. Bro. G. Macdonald introduced to the members Mr. Hadcock, the Field Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Military Department, who gave a short and very interesting address on the aims, objects and work of this branch as carried on by them from Home to Front Line Trenches.

Grand Lodge again resumed work at 3.05 p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Banff, May 30th, 1917.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report are glad to note that progress has been made during the past year—while not as great as the two previous years, it is good under the trying conditions.

The net increase of membership for the year being 338. And that dispensations have been granted to three new Lodges.

We note that six Lodges have become incorporated and would recommend that a special communication be addressed to each Lodge not yet incorporated, urging the necessity of obtaining the same during the present year.

We also note the same old complaint relative to the delay in annual returns and recommend that this be dealt with in similar manner.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. A. BATEMAN,
THOMAS H. WILSON,
JOHN WILSON,
C. W. FIELD,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman (64), seconded by V.W. Bro. C. W. Field (92), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

FRATERNAL DEAD

Banff, May 30th, 1917.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Wardens and Brothers
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to submit the following report:

Once more, in annual assembly, we meet to find broken ranks and vacant places.

"Trees for the builder's yard, flowers for the bride, corn for the granary, and mosses for the dead."

We cannot put aside as unpleasant, the duties and obligations of these sundered ties, so we come to you today, in our left hands the "Mosses" of memory, and in our right, the "Acacia" of undying Hope.

However much we regret our loss, we all recognize that it is a common fate, and as Masons, we are assured it is not the end. As thoughtful men, we find it much easier to conceive of a continuation of life than of a beginning, and we admit we have begun to live, or, at least, we are living.

Those of our number who have gone were our friends, and to have a real friend, or to be a real friend, is a wonderful possession, or power. Friendship is like a rope used by mountain climbers for safety. When a comrade is in danger, a coward will cut the rope.

From our own ranks 44 have gone, out of the ranks of civil life, while 31 have died in the service of humanity and Britain. In foreign jurisdictions 23 G.L. brothers, 18 of whom were P.G.M.'s, have answered the last call.

That they have been always right, we cannot think, for they were human, but we have neither necessity or inclination to recall their limitations in life. Indeed, we are glad it is not the province of human or mortal to judge.

"In men whom men pronounce as ill,
I find so much of goodness still;
In men whom men pronounce divine,
I find so much of sin and blot,
I hesitate to draw the line
Between the two, since God has not."

We are reminded, in this hour, of the words of Victor Hugo, when old age came to him: "I feel in myself the future life. The earth gives me its generous sap, but the sunshine is on my head. You say the soul is the resultant of bodily powers. Why, then, is my soul more luminous, when my bodily powers fail? I have been writing for 50 years, but I feel I have not expressed the thousandth part of what is in me. I have finished my day's work, but I have not finished my life. The tomb is no blind alley; it is a thoroughfare."

Of those 31 who have given their life in this world war, we find no words either strong enough, or tender enough, to do them

justice. On the fields of France there have been many glorious deaths which have appalled us by their proof that we never have more than a fragmentary knowledge of a man—his heart, his difficulties, his inner being and soul, or what, in the hour of supreme test, he will do, or be.

"You say that the First Contingent
Are bums, and rotters, and snides;
You say that we 'Sullied your honor,'
And a whole lot else besides.

We are, probably, all that you call us,
But you'll change your opinion, when
You meet the souls of the Germans,
Who died at St. Julien."

In giving their all for freedom, in this death struggle, how greatly they have died, making true the poet's vision and words, when another great crisis came to the Anglo Saxon race.

"Tis as easy to be heroes as to sit as idle slaves
Of a legendary virtue carved upon our fathers' graves.
Worshippers of light ancestral, make the present light a crime:—
Was the Mayflower launched by cowards? steered by men behind
their time?
Turn those paths towards Past or Future, that make Plymouth
Rock sublime?
They were men of Present valor, stalwart old iconoclasts;
Unconvinced by axe or gibbet that all virtue was the Past's;
But we make their truth our falsehood
Thinking that hath made us free,
Hoarding it in mouldy parchments, while our tender spirits flee
The rude graps of that great impulse which drove them across
the sea.
New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good un-
couth;
They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of
truth.

Your Committee would recommend that fitting tribute be paid our departed Brothers in the appropriation of memorial pages to those of foreign jurisdictions, of our own membership, and lastly, but most, to our Brothers who have gone away and died that we might have freedom from an unbearable yoke.

Fraternally submitted,

H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. Darling (91), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy (47), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted."

REPORT OF AUDITORS

Calgary, May 26th, 1917.

M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

Your Auditors beg to advise having audited the records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find the accounts correct.

All of the records have been neatly and correctly kept.

We find new records have been secured by the various officers as per recommendations previously made by your Auditors.

Owing to the Grand Secretary being provided with an office by Grand Lodge, we would recommend that a separate record be kept covering the furniture and other property for use by him, and that each year it appear in such records the amount of depreciation and all such properties as are worn out.

Fraternally submitted,

F. R. JELFS,

S. J. BLAIR,

Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh (51), "That the report of the Auditors be received and adopted."

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges as reported present were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master, and fraternal greetings exchanged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

Your Committee on the address of the M.W. the Grand Master have carefully considered this concise and complete record.

We wish to commend the M.W. the Grand Master on the number of Lodges he was able to visit and to express our appreciation of the valuable services rendered the Craft through that medium. We extend our sympathy to him in connection with his serious accident and trust that he has fully recovered.

The following special matters arising out of the report we wish to present in detail.

1. Dispensations for New Lodges:—

We are pleased to specially bring to the notice of Grand Lodge the care exercised by the Grand Master in granting Dispensations for new Lodges. Under the fluctuating conditions which obtain in many parts of the Jurisdiction the exercise of the greatest care and judgment in this connection is an absolute necessity that permanency of the Subordinate Lodges may be ensured.

2. General Dispensations:—

(a) Public wearing of Masonic Regalia.

We agree entirely with the Grand Master's refusal for permission to wear Masonic Regalia at a ball, and consider that public wearing of Masonic Regalia should be confined to those occasions heretofore recognized by this Grand Body.

(b) We commend the action of the Grand Master in granting Dispensations to confer Degrees in short time on soldiers called overseas.

3. Physical Qualification of Candidates:—

Your Committee is decidedly of the opinion that a worthy candidate who is not physically perfect but whose disability does not prevent him from complying literally with all the requirements of the Ceremonies and Ritual should not be debarred from the Fraternity on that account.

But we do not consider this question of so grave a nature that to follow a course which has been in some directions recommended, viz.: To place the responsibility of deciding whether a candidate can or cannot literally comply with the requirements of the Constitution and our Ceremonies on the Lodge concerned and its Master would result in as many possible variations of opinion and action as there are Masters and Subordinate Lodges, we would recommend, therefore, that each specific case as it occurs be referred to the Grand Master, who, after receiving the fullest information, shall render his decision in accordance with the first paragraph of this section of our report.

4. Committee on Constitution:—

Your Committee recommends that the Committee appointed by M.W. Bro. Bishop, with the addition of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, be continued in office and instructed to proceed with the revision of the Constitution with as little delay as possible and draft copies to be submitted to the Subordinate Lodges before December 31st, 1917.

5. Recommendations of the G.M.:—

(a) Physical fitness. This has been dealt with in Section 3 of this report.

(b) York Ritual. In order that the question of uniformity in the York Rite work in this Jurisdiction shall be settled and referable to a Constitutional Authority, we recommend that the incoming Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens be a committee to effect the printing of five hundred copies of the Ritual as revised by the Committee appointed by M.W. Bro.

J. A. Jackson and that the same be issued under the same restrictions as those pertaining to the distribution of the Canadian Rite Work.

6. Patriotic Fund for Masonic Dependents:

We desire to emphasize in the strongest manner possible the sentiments expressed by the G.M. in this connection. For special donations of a general character such as that already made by this Grand Lodge to the Y.M.C.A. we have nothing but praise. But we consider that every member of this Grand Lodge should be reminded of the special claim which the dependents of our Brethren who have died or have been incapacitated in this bloody struggle have upon him, upon this Grand Lodge, as well as upon every Subordinate Lodge and Member thereof throughout the Jurisdiction. In particular we would mention the children of such brethren. These children are the greatest and best assets which any country or community can possess and we deem that no brother of this Grand Lodge will deny that it is our duty as an organized Fraternity to see that so far as in us lies these little ones shall not be denied those educational and other advantages which might have been theirs had their fathers, our brothers, not have made the sacrifices for us, which they have so nobly done. Bearing these considerations in mind we recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt as they stand the recommendations of the G.M. in his address, viz.:

(a) That each Lodge be asked to make regular collections from each of its members for the purpose of the Fund.

(b) That all investments to the credit of the Fund be made in Dominion of Canada bonds or Saving Certificates, under the direction of the committee in charge of the Fund.

(c) That the special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master to deal with the Patriotic Relief Fund have power to add to its number.

(d) That the committee pay all of its own expenses except printing, stationery and postage, which shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. H. HOGBIN, Chairman.
S. J. BLAIR,
J. WATSON YOUNGE.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and discussed clause by clause."

After a very full discussion and with some amendments to recommendations made it was resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge, "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be adopted as amended."

MOTION

The following motion, of which Notice was given at previous Communication, was moved by W. Bro. R. Moss (90), seconded by W. Bro. E. Fidler (63), "That Sec. 239 of the Constitution be amended so as to permit a brother to belong to two Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.—Motion was lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION

R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), and R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), gave notice that at next Annual Communication they would move: "That Sec. 11 of the Constitution be amended to read—That Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the Second Wednesday in the Month of June."

PLACE OF MEETING

Calgary, Edmonton, Banff and Grouard were all submitted as place for next Annual Communication.

After taking the opinion of Members the City of Edmonton was selected as place of meeting for 1918.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The M.W. Grand Master intimated to the members that at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, the 31st May, he will proceed with the election of officers for ensuing year.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.20 p.m. until 9 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, May 31st, 1917.

Second Day . . . Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, May 31st, at 9 a.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Master appointed a Board of Scrutineers composed of M.W. Bro. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

The Committee on Credentials then made report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception have the honor to report the various Lodges named in the attached schedule are entitled to the representation in Grand Lodge therein enumerated opposite their respective numbers and names.

We find 23 Lodges represented by Proxy and 18 not represented.

That the number of regular votes is 303.

No.	Name of Lodge	W M.	S W.	J W.	P M	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	2	1	--	8	--	11
2.	Medicine Hat	3	--	--	1	--	4
3.	Alberta	--	--	--	--	--	0
4.	North Star	3	--	--	--	--	3
5.	Cascade	1	1	1	4	--	7
6.	Spitzie	--	--	--	--	3	3
7.	Edmonton	3	--	--	--	--	3
8.	Innisfail	--	--	--	1	3	4
9.	Perfection	3	--	--	4	--	7
10.	Eureka	--	--	--	--	--	0
11.	Acacia	3	--	--	--	--	3
12.	Red Deer	2	1	--	--	--	3
13.	Victoria	--	--	--	2	3	5
14.	Jasper	3	--	--	1	--	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W M.	S W.	J W.	P M.	Proxy	Total Votes
15.	Wetaskiwin	--	--	--	1	3	4
16.	Mountain View	--	3	--	--	--	3
17.	Nanton	--	--	--	--	--	0
18.	Britannia	3	--	--	--	--	3
19.	Corner Stone	--	3	--	1	--	4
20.	Carstairs	--	--	--	--	--	0
21.	King Hiram	--	--	--	--	--	0
22.	Corinthian	3	--	--	--	--	3
23.	Calgary	2	1	--	1	--	4
24.	Vermilion	--	--	--	1	3	4
25.	St. John	--	--	--	1	3	4
26.	Sentinel	--	--	3	2	--	5
27.	Apollo	--	--	--	--	--	0
28.	Ashlar	2	1	--	5	--	8
29.	Kenilworth	--	--	--	1	3	4
30.	Summit	3	--	--	--	--	3
31.	Doric	3	--	--	--	--	3
32.	Cairo	--	--	--	--	--	0
33.	Stavely	--	--	3	1	--	4
34.	Star of the West	--	--	--	1	3	4
35.	Mizpah	3	--	--	3	--	6
36.	Gleichen	3	--	--	--	--	3
37.	Camrose	3	--	--	1	--	4
38.	Hope	--	--	--	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge	3	--	--	--	--	3
40.	Joppa	--	--	--	1	--	1
41.	King Solomon	3	--	--	--	--	3
42.	Bowden	--	--	--	--	--	0
43.	Tuscan	--	--	--	1	3	4
44.	Buffalo Park	--	3	--	--	--	3
45.	Ionic	--	--	--	2	3	5
46.	Palestine	--	--	--	1	3	4
47.	Chinook	--	3	--	2	--	5
48.	Crossfield	--	--	--	--	--	0
49.	Robert Burns	--	--	--	1	3	4
50.	Comet	3	--	--	--	--	3
51.	Unity	3	--	--	2	--	5
52.	Langdon	--	--	--	--	--	0
53.	Strathmore	--	--	--	2	3	5
54.	Mount Lebanon	--	--	--	1	3	4
55.	Bassano	--	--	--	1	3	4
56.	Beaver	--	--	--	--	--	0
57.	Grassy Lake	--	--	--	--	--	0
58.	Chief Mountain	--	--	--	--	--	0
59.	King George	--	--	2	1	1	4
60.	Acme	3	--	--	--	--	3
61.	Provost	3	--	--	2	--	5
62.	Coal	--	--	--	--	--	0
63.	Empire	3	--	--	1	--	4
64.	Bow Island	--	--	--	1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W M.	S W	J.W.	P M	Proxy	Total Votes
65.	Diamond City	--	--	--	1	3	4
66.	St. Andrew	--	--	--	--	--	0
67.	Charity	3	--	--	1	--	4
68.	Edson	3	--	--	--	--	3
69.	Connaught	--	--	3	--	--	3
70.	Quarry	--	--	3	1	--	4
71.	Tawatinaw	--	--	--	2	3	5
72.	Coronation	--	--	--	1	3	4
73.	Brooks	--	--	--	1	3	4
74.	Vulcan	3	--	--	1	--	4
75.	Harmony	3	--	--	2	--	5
76.	Fidelity	--	--	--	--	--	0
77.	Strathcona	2	1	--	--	--	3
78.	Hanna	1	1	1	--	--	3
79.	Morning Star	3	--	--	--	--	3
80.	Excelsior	--	3	--	--	--	3
81.	Commercial	3	--	--	1	--	4
82.	Acadia	--	--	--	--	--	0
83.	Zetland	2	--	1	1	--	4
84.	Champion	2	--	1	1	--	4
85.	Suffield	--	--	--	1	3	4
86.	Rocky Mountain	3	--	--	--	--	3
87.	Crescent	3	--	--	--	--	3
88.	Wahpun	3	--	--	1	--	4
89.	Peace River	--	--	--	--	3	3
90.	Norwood	3	--	--	--	--	3
91.	Patricia	3	--	--	2	--	5
92.	Saskatchewan	3	--	--	1	--	4
93.	Symbol	--	--	--	--	--	0
94.	Lamont	--	3	--	--	--	3
Total		112	27	17	78	69	303

A. E. QUAYLE,
T. H. WILSON,
M. A. MURPHY,
D. McINTOSH,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1917.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary-----Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer-----Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Edmonton-----Sen. Grd. Warden
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 R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary-----Grand Treasurer
 M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary-----Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35), Medicine Hat-----Grand Registrar
 R.W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Kerby (83),-----Grand Chaplain
 W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mannville-----Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following Brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:—

R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore (5), Banff-----D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), Redcliff-----D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), Edmonton-----D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Finley Watson (15), Wetaskiwin-----D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Reid (79), Loughheed-----D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Wm. Cochrane (4), Granum-----D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. G. Frank Butler (53), Strathmore-----D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson (26), Hillcrest-----D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. J. G. O'Dell (78), Hanna-----D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), Athabasca-----D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. A. Willamson (67), Lethbridge-----D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. W. Jellis (68), Edson-----D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following Brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:—

R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34)-----Leduc
 R.W. Bro. J. W. Young (37)-----Camrose
 R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2)-----Medicine Hat
 R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1)-----Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Grand Master-elect, notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

V.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Calgary-----Senior Grand Deacon
 V.W. Bro. John Douglas (37), Camrose-----Junior Grand Deacon
 Bro. J. G. W. Rendall (83), Calgary-----Grand Organist
 V.W. Bro. E. Orland (4), Lethbridge-----Grd. Dir. of Cer.
 V.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest-----Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. A. J. McCauley (46), Tofield-----Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. W. G. Hamilton (49), Carmangay-----Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. D. Boyd (54), Calgary-----Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. W. C. Hutchinson (85), Suffield-----Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. W. J. Haynes (75), Sedgwick-----Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. Col. W. F. W. Carstairs (88), Grouard---Grd. Pursuivant

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1.20 p.m.

Second Day Afternoon Session

LABOUR RESUMED AT 3 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly elected officers present were then duly installed and appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, retiring Grand Master.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, G.M., made presentation of P.D.D.G.M. Regalia on behalf of members of District No. 5 to P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. McKee.

The newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. M. Conacher, in a few feeling words performed his first official act by presenting the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, with a set of Past Grand Master's Regalia as a token of the appreciation of the Members of Grand Lodge for his labors during his term of office.

The Grand Master also made the following remarks: Before this Grand Lodge closes I wish to express on behalf of myself and a large number of the members of Grand Lodge our deep regret that we are today severing our relations with M. Wor. Bro. George Macdonald as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. We deplore, too, the methods adopted to bring this about.

M. Wor. Bro. Macdonald has been our Grand Secretary for the past ten years. He has been most capable and efficient in the performance of his duties, and the success which has attended this Grand Lodge in the past is largely due to his wise counsel and his untiring efforts. The office system inaugurated by him is recognized as the most up-to-date and complete of any issue in Canada and we are told that several of the Grand Secretaries of other jurisdictions are now using it.

We sincerely hope that M.W. Bro. Macdonald will be able to continue his interest in this Grand Lodge. His experience and counsel are needed during these trying times and will be of much value during the period of reconstruction after the war, in which we trust Masonry will have a foremost place.

MOTIONS

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by W. Bro. C. H. Storie (12), "That Grand Lodge pay Bro. J. E. Hutchins for the use of the hall for this Communication.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. Darling, "That,

Whereas, the great World War which has been raging for nearly three years, is one in which the ideals of Freedom, Justice, Liberty, Honor and Truth are at stake, these being also the ideals of our Fraternity, and

Whereas, the voluntary system of service, which has produced great and lasting results, nevertheless, has not yet proven sufficient to guarantee a certainty the maintenance of those ideals for the world's civilization,

Whereas, at least ten per cent. of the membership of the Grand Lodge has already enlisted for service to the Empire, many of whom have sacrificed their lives in the great cause, and, whereas, it is meet that every endeavor should be made to ensure that their sacrifices already made have not been made in vain,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., in Annual Communication, places itself on record as welcoming such steps as will compel into National Service all the available resources in Men, Material and Wealth which this Dominion possesses, in order that the struggle may the sooner be brought to a successful and permanent conclusion.

Resolved on motion of W. Bro. W. N. Condell (92), seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That a copy of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in favor of Compulsory Service be wired to the Prime Minister of Canada, R. L. Borden."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), "That this Grand Lodge place on record its sense of appreciation of the faithful services to Masonry of our late Bro. R. C. Bruce, who for three years filled the office of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and we would hereby instruct the Grand Secretary to convey to his bereaved family the sincerest sympathy of Grand Lodge in the great loss they have sustained."

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twelfth Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 3.45 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and concluded by singing the National Anthem, "God Save The King."



E. Macdonald

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1917

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R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (47), Cowley----	Junior Grd. Warden
R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore (5), Banff-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), Redcliff-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 2
R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), Edmonton----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3
R.W. Bro. Finley Watson (15), Wetaskiwin; D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 4	
R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Reid (79), Loughheed-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 5
R.W. Bro. Wm. Cochrane (40), Granum-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6
R.W. Bro. G. Frank Butler (53), Strathmore----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7
R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson (26), Hillcrest-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 8
R.W. Bro. J. G. O'Dell (78), Hanna-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9
R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), Athabasca-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 10
R.W. Bro. A. Williamson (67), Lethbridge----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 11
R.W. Bro. W. Jellis (68), Edson-----	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 12
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary-----	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary-----	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35), Medicine Hat-----	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Kerby (83), Calgary-----	Grand Chaplain
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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President

R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)-----Red Deer

Vice-President

R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91)-----Edmonton

Secretary

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)-----Calgary

By Virtue of Office .

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary-----Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. Macdonald (1), Calgary--Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor (7), Edmonton--Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Major Geo. H. Hogbin (1), Calgary--Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Calgary-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Turin-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Lethbridge--P. Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton--P. Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Winnipeg-----Past Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary-----Past Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer---Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. H. Darling (7), Edmonton-----Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (47), Cowley--Junior Grd. Warden
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary-----Grand Treasurer
 R.W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35), Medicine Hat-----Grand Registrar

Elected by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83),-----Calgary
 R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz (12)-----Red Deer
 R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2)-----Calgary
 R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (47)-----Cowley
 R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34)-----Leduc
 R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2)-----Medicine Hat
 R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37)-----Camrose
 R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1)-----Calgary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Sub-Committees

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Chairman, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (47), Chairman; R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz (12), R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1), R.W. Bro. G. Frank Butler (53), R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson (26).

Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Chairman; M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), R.W. Bro. J.H.W.S. Kemmis (47), M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin (1), R.W. Bro. J. G. O'Dell (78).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—Members of the Board resident in Edmonton with M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Chairman.

Finance—M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1), M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz (12), R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2), R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. Macdonald (1).

Charters—R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), Chairman; R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2), R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz (12), R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore (5), R.W. Bro. A. Williamson (67), R.W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett (35), R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81).

Benevolence and Home and School Fund—M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), R.W. Bro. J.H.W.S. Kemmis (47), M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2), R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), R.W. Bro. W. G. Reid (79), R.W. Bro. Wm. Cochrane (40), R.W. Bro. W. Jellis (68).

Credentials and Reception—The District Deputy Grand Masters of the Twelve Masonic Districts. Chairman, R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81).

GEO. MACDONALD,

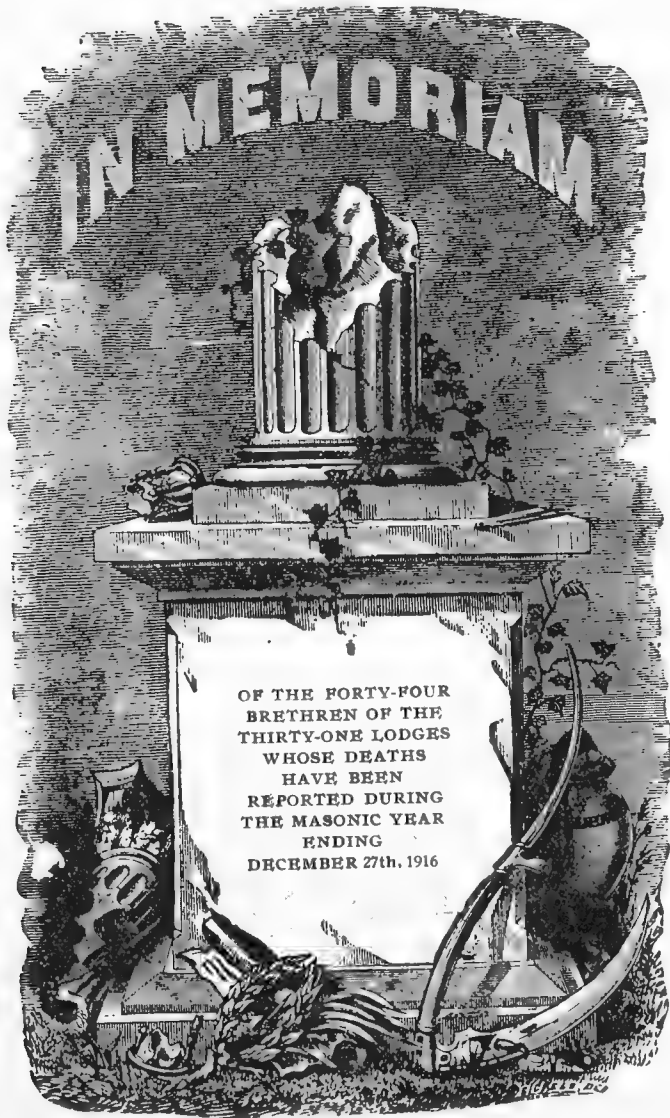
Grand Secretary.



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Reverently inscribed to the Honored dead of Sister
Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Connecticut -----	Fitch, Asa P., P.G.M. -----	Mar. 29, 1916
Connecticut -----	Chapman, Chas. B., G.T. -----	Dec. 28, 1916
Cuba -----	Castellaues, J. R. F., P.G.M. -----	July 3, 1916
Georgia -----	Wolihin, Wm. A., G. Secy. -----	Feb. 9, 1916
Idaho -----	Brown, Jonas W., P.G.M. -----	Sept. 15, 1916
Illinois -----	Ashley, Albt. B., P.G.M. -----	Nov. 1, 1916
Indiana -----	Grimes, Geo. E., P.G.M. -----	Jan. 30, 1917
Kansas -----	Shaver, Wm. M., P.G.M. -----	July 6, 1916
Michigan -----	Wood, Lucian E., P.G.M. -----	June 5, 1916
Michigan -----	Metcalf, Abraham T., P.G.M. -----	Oct. 28, 1916
Michigan -----	Farnum, Jas. H., P.G.M. -----	Jan. 19, 1917
Missouri -----	Wells, Campbell, P.G.M. -----	Dec. 14, 1916
Nebraska -----	Baird, Z. M., P.G.M. -----	Dec. 17, 1916
North Carolina ---	Drewry, John C., G. Secy. -----	Oct. 2, 1916
Nova Scotia -----	Cossman, T. A., P.G.M. -----	April 28, 1916
South Carolina ---	Smith, Wm. P., G. Chap. -----	April 23, 1916
Tennessee -----	Goodloe, C. A., P.G.M. -----	July 12, 1916
Washington -----	Hill, Robert C., P.G.M. -----	May 10, 1916
Washington -----	Hare, Edward R., P.G.M. -----	July 16, 1916
West Virginia ----	Hatch, Geo., P.G.M. -----	April 27, 1916
West Virginia ----	Bennett, Wm. G., P.G.M. -----	Nov. 8, 1916
West Virginia ----	Robinson, Neil, P.G.M. -----	Nov. 11, 1916
Wyoming -----	Snyder, Harry C., J.G.W. -----	Nov. 23, 1916



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To the honoured dead of our own Jurisdiction

No.	Lodge.	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Astley, Wm.	May 10, 1916
1.	Bow River	Votier, Jas.	April 8, 1916
1.	Bow River	Eggett, George	Mar. 30, 1916
2.	Medicine Hat	Evans, Geo. V.	Jan. 27, 1916
2.	Medicine Hat	McLeod, Norman W.	April 7, 1916
4.	North Star	Young, Jos. A.	Sept. 7, 1916
5.	Cascade	Galletly, David	Nov. 9, 1916
6.	Spitzie	McIntyre, Nicholas T.	Jun. 25, 1916
7.	Edmonton	Taylor, Alexander	Feb. 11, 1916
7.	Edmonton	Smith, Chas. W.	Sept. 16, 1916
7.	Edmonton	Doucett, J. C.	Nov'ber, 1916
7.	Edmonton	McClymont, Thos.	Nov. 8, 1916
8.	Innisfail	Simpson, John A.	Sept. 11, 1916
9.	Perfection	Saunders, Wm. S.	April 11, 1916
9.	Perfection	Mackid, Harry G.	Aug. 17, 1916
9.	Perfection	Winn, Chas. J.	Oct. 14, 1916
11.	Acacia	Brown, W. J. Birnie	Sept. 13, 1916
13.	Victoria	Dowler, Thos.	April 19, 1916
15.	Wetaskiwin	Jordan, Leo.	Nov. 22, 1916
19.	Corner Stone	Green, W. E.	Mar. 14, 1916
19.	Corner Stone	Rollins, Wm.	July. 25, 1916
23.	Calgary	McConnell, Chas. E.	Jun. 13, 1916
23.	Calgary	Baker, J. B. C.	Jun. 19, 1916
23.	Calgary	Whitlock, Chas. F.	Oct. 6, 1916
26.	Sentinel	Morris, John	July 9, 1916
28.	Ashlar	Ross, Andrew G.	Mar. 7, 1916
28.	Ashlar	Cameron, John J.	April, 1916
30.	Summit	McLean, Jas. A.	May 20, 1916
37.	Camrose	Smith, Norman A.	June 5, 1916
41.	King Solomon	Evans, John L.	Aug. 27, 1916
45.	Ionic	Bulow, C. W.	April 27, 1916
51.	Unity	Simonson, H. P.	Oct. 6, 1916
53.	Strathmore	Walters, G. D.	Jan. 14, 1916
59.	King George	Mitchell, And.	Jan. 23, 1916
63.	Empire	Valpy, J. G.	June 7, 1916
71.	Tawatinaw	Willcox, Wm. W.	Sept. 7, 1916
72.	Coronation	Whiteside, T. K. H.	Sept. 29, 1916
74.	Vulcan	Hudson, Jno. A.	July 6, 1916
77.	Strathcona	Maund, Wm. E.	Aug. 23, 1916
81.	Commercial	Smythe, Spencer	Feb. 27, 1916
83.	Zetland	Walker, Fred	Sept. 7, 1916
85.	Suffield	MacDowell, Jas. D.	Oct. 13, 1916
91.	Patricia	Leas, A. Bruce	June 29, 1916
91.	Patricia	McDougall, Neil	Nov. 5, 1916





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To the Brethren of Our Own Jurisdiction Killed in Action.

No.	Lodge.	Name.	
4.	North Star	Wm. Jas. Tod	April 15, 1916
4.	North Star	H. G. Goode	Sept. 16, 1916
7.	Edmonton	R. W. Lines	1916
9.	Perfection	R. A. Brocklebank	1916
9.	Perfection	Howard M. Splane	1916
9.	Perfection	Allan D. Connors	1916
9.	Perfection	Chas. J. Armstrong	1916
9.	Perfection	Harry E. Graham	1916
11.	Acacia	Lorenzo Wynn	June 27, 1916
11.	Acacia	Locksley McKnight	Sept. 24, 1916
12.	Red Deer	Colin Broughton	1916
14.	Jasper	Peter McNaughton	June 2, 1916
14.	Jasper	John McK. Bateson	July, 1916
24.	Vermilion	Wm. E. Saunders	Sept. 28, 1916
25.	St. John	Jas. McNeil	1916
28.	Ashlar	John B. H. Ritchie	Sept. 22, 1916
45.	Ionic	C. A. Bateman	June 6, 1916
51.	Unity	E. R. Welbowne	1916
51.	Unity	John Baird	1916
51.	Unity	Chas. Bowers	1916
55.	Bassano	A. L. B. Johnson	Oct. 1, 1916
70.	Quarry	Wm. J. Reynolds	Oct. 1, 1916
71.	Tawatinaw	R. C. Cordingley	June, 1916
71.	Tawatinaw	A. J. Koelliker	Sept., 1916
73.	Brooks	W. P. Kimball	June 7, 1916
76.	Fidelity	J. F. Fisher	July 27, 1916
77.	Strathcona	Alf. G. Bayes	Sept. 26, 1916
77.	Strathcona	Jas. Pirie	Sept. 15, 1916
85.	Suffield	H. A. Whiffin	1916
90.	Norwood	Archibald W. Webster	Sept. 8, 1916

LODGE DIRECTORY
AND
STATISTICAL TABLES

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Address.	Regular Meeting.
1	Bow River	A. McRae	Mason, G. A. T.	120 9 Av. N.W., Calgary	
2	Medicine Hat	McCandide, John	Napier, W. H.	Medicine Hat	Second Monday in each month.
3	Alberta	Morris, F. N.	Mackinnon, C. W.	Macleod	Second Tuesday in each month.
4	North Star	McNabb, D.	Oliver, J. R.	Bx 802, L'bridge	Wednesday on or before full moon.
5	Cascade	Watters, John	Ward, Wm. E.	Box 70, Banff	Second Monday in each month.
6	Spitzie	Thomson, D.	Boag, L. J.	Pincher Creek	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Edmonton	Muir, Lorne M.	McManus, C. E.	Bx 515, Ed'm'ton	Friday on or before full moon.
8	Innisfail	Jackson, W. H.	Hanson, W.	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9	Perfection	Allen, T. M.	Fordyce, Geo.	Alexr. Cor., Cal.	Third Thursday in each month.
10	Eureka	Cruma, W. F.	Carruthers, N.E.	Lacombe	Third Tuesday in each month.
11	Acacia	DeRousie, E. C.	Russell, R. J.	10650 102d Av., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
12	Red Deer	McEvan, F. A.	Ayres, A. G.	Red Deer	Second Thursday in each month.
13	Victoria	Graham, Wm. A.	Younie, Jas. A.	Fort Sask.	Second Tuesday in each month.
14	Jasper	Graham, Geo. I.	Irving, Jos.	10737 102d Ave., Edmonton	Tuesday on or before full moon.
15	Wetaskiwin	Manley, Robt. W.	Finkle, Alymer	Bx 349 Wetwin	Second Monday in each month.
16	M'tain View	Dooly, Thos. H.	Grant, J. F.	Olds	Third Thursday in each month.
17	Nanton	McKeage, Geo. E.	Legler, G. H.	Nanton	Friday on or before full moon.
18	Britannia	Kerr, J. A.	Baadsgaard, A. B.	Ponoka	Third Friday in each month.
19	Cornerstone	Gould, H. H.	Thomas, P.G.	High River	First Thursday in each month.
20	Carstairs	Dickson, Wm.	Moore, C. W.	Carstairs	Thursday on or before full moon.
21	King Hiram	Brusso, Alfred	Leisemer, W. G.	Didsbury	Thursday on or before full moon.
22	Corinthian	Welch, Geo. A.	Paterson, G. C. S.	Okotoks	Tuesday on or before full moon.
23	Calgary	Davis, A. J.	MacBurney, J. A.	436 Boulevard N.W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24	Vermillion	McKenzie, W. E.	Brimacombe, J.A.	Vermillion	First Friday in each month.
25	St. Johns	Meredith, Hy. A.	Adams, W. J.	Vegreville	Tuesday on or before full moon.
					First Monday in each month.

26 Sentinel	-----	Briscoe, Daniel	-----	Pattinson, G.	-----	Hillcrest	-----	Wednesday on or before full moon.
27 Apollo	-----	Hughes, Fred'k.	-----	Seabrook, F. C.	-----	Stettler	-----	First Monday in each month.
28 Ashlar	-----	Strathern, Alex.	-----	Horner, W. H.	-----	2216 7th St. W., Calgary	-----	Second Thursday in each month.
29 Kenilworth	--	Turnbull, F.	-----	Baile, John	-----	Red Deer	-----	First Tuesday in each month.
30 Summit	-----	Hunter, McKeen	-----	Ouilmette, W. L.	-----	Coleman	-----	First Thursday in each month.
31 Doric	-----	Anderson, R. H.	-----	Ewing, Geo. E.	-----	Taber	-----	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32 Cairo	-----	Simpson, Geo.	-----	Hooper, Jas. C.	-----	Clareholm	-----	Third Tuesday in each month.
33 Stavely	-----	Moir, A. C.	-----	Hopkins, R. A.	-----	Stavely	-----	Friday on or before full moon.
34 Star of West	-----	Burnett, John	-----	Sharples, H. R.	-----	Leduc	-----	First Tuesday in each month.
35 Mizpah	-----	Blackstock, G. McN	-----	Hoag, Robt.	-----	Bx 134, Md. Hat.	-----	Third Tuesday in each month.
36 Gleichen	-----	Scott, H.	-----	Stocken, Rev. Cn.	-----	Gleichen	-----	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37 Camrose	-----	Douglas, John	-----	Johnson, J. T.	-----	Camrose	-----	Second Thursday in each month.
38 Hope	-----	Lea, S. V.	-----	Crooks, Jas.	-----	Mannville	-----	Friday on or before full moon.
39 Lethbridge	-----	Davidson, T. R.	-----	Redman, J. C.	-----	Bx 537, L'bridge	-----	Third Thursday in each month.
40 Joppa	-----	Cumming, D. S.	-----	Richards, Geo.	-----	Grunum	-----	Thursday on or before full moon.
41 K'g Solomon	-----	Spicer, Samuel	-----	Hughes, I.	-----	Cochrane	-----	Friday on or before full moon.
42 Bowden	-----	Brewster, J. I.	-----	Keene, F. B.	-----	Bowden	-----	Wednesday on or before full moon.
43 Tuscan	-----	Jardine, A. D.	-----	Wark, J. H.	-----	Killam	-----	Wednesday on or before full moon.
44 Buffalo Park	-----	Washburn, W. E.	-----	Bell, F. W.	-----	Bx 99, W'right	-----	Wednesday on or before full moon.
45 Ionic	-----	Finch, H. G.	-----	Panrucker, H. W.	-----	Alix	-----	Thursday on or before full moon.
46 Palestine	-----	Newbigging, T.	-----	Jobb, J. G.	-----	Tofield	-----	Wednesday on or before full moon.
47 Chinoak	-----	Densmore, A. M.	-----	MacMillan, H. D.	-----	Cowley	-----	Monday on or before full moon.
48 Crossfield	-----	Morrow, E. W.	-----	McLean, A. K.	-----	Crossfield	-----	Tuesday on or before full moon.
49 Robert Burns	-----	Wilson, A. F.	-----	Hamilton, W. G.	-----	Carmanangay	-----	Thursday on or before full moon.
50 Comet	-----	Redman, A.	-----	Wood, H. B.	-----	Hardisty	-----	Second Tuesday in each month.
51 Unity	-----	Walker, A. G.	-----	MacIntosh, D.	-----	Bx 523, Ed'ton	-----	First Tuesday in each month.
52 Langdon	-----	McLeod, J. F.	-----	Craig, C. A.	-----	Langdon	-----	Thursday on or before full moon.
53 Strathmore	-----	McDonald, Hugh	-----	Brown, W. E.	-----	Strathmore	-----	Monday on or before full moon.
54 M't Lebanon	-----	Goodwin, Jos.	-----	Harmer, H. E.	-----	Bx 1660, Calg'y.	-----	Second Tuesday in each month.
55 Bassano	-----	Morlock, Walter	-----	Struthers, R. H.	-----	Bassano	-----	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
56 Beaver	-----	Warnock, J. M.	-----	Harman, F. G.	-----	Castor	-----	First Wednesday in each month.
57 Grassy Lake	-----	Hancock, M.	-----	Gold, R. J.	-----	Grassy Lake	-----	Second Thursday in each month.

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58	Cf. Mountain	Barker, E. N. ---	Cavers, F. V. ---	Cardston ---	Second Saturday in each month.
59	King George	Brown, A. S. ---	Flavin, E. J. ---	704 Boulevard N.W., Calgary	Second Friday in each month. Thursday on or before full moon. Wednesday on or before full moon. Third Thursday in each month. First Monday in each month. Tuesday on or before full moon. Second Friday in each month. Thursday on or before full moon. Second Tuesday in each month. First Thursday in each month. Tuesday nearest full moon. First Tuesday in each month. First Tuesday in each month. Thursday on or before full moon. Third Tuesday in each month. Tuesday on or before full moon. Monday on or before full moon. First Tuesday in each month.
60	Acme	McCook, Lewis	Baugh, J. F. ---	Acme ---	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month Wednesday on or before full moon
61	Provost	Lucas, Geo. H. ---	Fiske, A. W. ---	Provost ---	Thursday on or before full moon
62	Coal	Fowler, A. ---	Wetterberg, S. T. ---	Bawlf ---	Thursday on or before full moon
63	Empire	Fidler, E. ---	Lakey, C. J. ---	Bx 386, Ed'ton ---	First Monday in each month.
64	Bow Island	Cotton, W. P. ---	Bateman, W. A. ---	Bow Island ---	Tuesday on or before full moon.
65	Diamond City	Rose, Geo. B. ---	Christie, T. N. ---	Diamond City ---	Second Friday in each month.
66	St. Andrews	Slippy, R. N. ---	Keir, A. A. ---	Trochu ---	Thursday on or before full moon.
67	Charity	Williamson, A. ---	Dupen, A. E. ---	Box 580, L'bridge ---	Second Tuesday in each month.
68	Edson	MacKenzie, J. D. ---	Jackson, R. J. ---	Box 23, Edson ---	First Thursday in each month.
69	Connaught	Lindholm, N. B. ---	Thunell, H. G. ---	Viking ---	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70	Quarry	Bott, B. J. ---	Hatcher, W. H. ---	Redcliff ---	First Tuesday in each month.
71	Tawatinaw	Sawle, A. L. ---	Latta, T. D. M. ---	Athabasca ---	First Tuesday in each month.
72	Coronation	Mitchell, F. S. ---	Thomson, D. A. ---	Coronation ---	Thursday on or before full moon.
73	Brooks	Marin, J. L. ---	Gibson, F. W. ---	Brooks ---	Third Tuesday in each month.
74	Vulcan	Clark, E. M. ---	Jones, D. C. ---	Vulcan ---	Tuesday on or before full moon.
75	Harmony	Rose, E. N. ---	McDonald, J. S. ---	Sedgewick ---	Monday on or before full moon.
76	Fidelity	Edgerwood, N. E. ---	Marshall, J. A. ---	Bashaw ---	First Tuesday in each month.
77	Strathcona	Dallas, A. M. ---	Connor, H. M. ---	8516 103rd St., Edmonton ---	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month Wednesday on or before full moon
78	Hanna	Stirling, W. C. ---	Watt, W. L. ---	Hanna ---	Thursday on or before full moon
79	Morning Star	Mortimer, W. G. ---	Bullock, E. ---	Lougheed ---	Thursday on or before full moon
80	Excelsior	Storey, H. W. ---	Vagt, Herman ---	Strome ---	Thursday on or before full moon
81	Commercial	Stirling, W. C. ---	Kells, R. C. ---	Bx. 607, Ed'ton ---	First Saturday in each month.
82	Acadia	Tovey, Geo. J. ---	Yountie, J. ---	Youngstown ---	Tuesday on or before full moon.
83	Zetland	Wood, R. C. ---	Clow, E. S. ---	924 18th Ave. W., Calgary ---	Third Monday in each month. Thursday on or before full moon.
84	Champion	Ogilvie, E. G. ---	Williams, Herb. ---	Champion ---	Wednesday on or before full moon.
85	Suffield	Clarkson, J. W. ---	Roberts, J. O. ---	Suffield ---	Wednesday on or before full moon.
86	Ry. Mountain	Christopher, P. M. ---	Passmore, G. A. ---	Blairmore ---	Second Monday in each month.

87 Crescent	-----	Nickols, A.	-----	Stoddart, T.	-----	728 4a St. N.W., Calgary	
88 Wapun	-----	Harris, Samuel	-	Budd, H. W.	-----	Grouard	Second Tuesday in each month.
89 Peace River	-----	Grimshaw, M. E.	-	Laing, O. J.	-----	Peace River	First Thursday in each month.
90 Norwood	-----	Moss, Robt.	-----	Ganner, J.	-----	Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
91 Patricia	-----	Wright, M. C.	-----	Malcolm, E. H.	-----	Bx. 2128, Ed'ton	Second Tuesday in each month.
92 Saskatchewan	-----	Condell, W. N.	-----	Dexter, J. V.	-----	10312 105th St., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
93 Symbol	-----	Holden, J. O.	-----	Toshack, E. A.	-----	Drumheller	Fourth Friday in each month.
94 Lamont	-----	Bennett, R. A.	-----	Crumpp, E. J.	-----	Lamont	Second Thursday in each month.
U.D. Kitchener	-	Byers, S. J.	-----	McBride, C. W.	-----	Rimbey	Monday on or before full moon. Friday on or before full moon.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DECEMBER 27th, 1916.

LODGE		Dec. 31, 1915	Initiated		Degrees		Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1916	Increase	Decrease	
			Passed	Raised	Joined	Decrease									
						Dimit		N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died					
No															
1	Bow River	273	14	14	14	5	4	6	15	3	272	1			
2	Medicine Hat	190	3	3	3	2	3	3	12	2	181	9			
3	Alberta	81	7	5	3	2					90				
4	North Star	212	10	8	7	3	5	8	8	1	210	2			
5	Cascade	129	4	3	3						132	3			
6	Spitzie	65	5	3	4			4			65				
7	Edmonton	354	8	16	9		1	20	1	5	337	17			
8	Innisfail	69	5	6	5			4		1	69				
9	Perfection	414	7	7	7	5	3	8	36	8	377	37			
10	Eureka	79	2	1	1	2		2			81	2			
11	Acacia	154	12	11	10	3	3	4		3	162	8			
12	Red Deer	101	6	5	5	2	1	2		1	106	5			
13	Victoria	61						4		4	56				
14	Jasper	205	4	1	3	2		4		2	205				
15	Wetaskiwin	67		1	1	1		2		1	64	3			
16	Mountain View	38	2	1	1	1	1	1			41	3			
17	Nanton	65	2			2					69	4			
18	Britannia	43	4	3	3	2	1	3			47	4			
19	Cornerstone	133	7	9	8	2	1	4	6	2	130	3			
20	Carstairs	45	1	1	1		1	1	7		39				
21	King Hiram	54	8	5	4			1			61	7			
22	Corinthian	68	4	3	3			6			66				
23	Calgary	197	18	18	19	2		2	6	3	206	9			
24	Vermilion	62	7	7	4	3	1			1	72	10			

25	St. John	61	4	6	6	2	1	2	2	1	62	1	1	9
26	Sentinel	85	4	5	5	4	1	3	10	1	76	1	14	9
27	Apollo	78	11	11	10	4	1	1	1	1	92	1	14	9
28	Ashlar	162	10	8	9	10	1	8	3	3	169	7	7	7
29	Kenilworth	77	7	7	7	2	1	3	1	1	83	6	1	7
30	Summit	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1
31	Doric	54	7	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	62	8	1	1
32	Calro	56	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	45	4	11	11
33	Stavely	65	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	69	4	1	1
34	Star of the West	40	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	1	43	3	1	1
35	Mizpah	105	8	7	6	3	1	4	7	1	105	1	1	1
36	Gleichen	67	7	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	74	7	1	1
37	Camrose	5	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	59	3	1	1
38	Hope	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	1	1	1
39	Lethbridge	96	10	7	8	2	1	1	1	1	101	11	1	1
40	Joppa	29	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	34	5	1	1
41	King Solomon	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	1	1
42	Bowden	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	1
43	Tuscan	43	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	49	6	1	1
44	Buffalo Park	54	9	8	7	1	1	2	2	1	62	8	1	1
45	Ionic	54	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	48	1	1
46	Palestine	41	5	4	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	43	2	1
47	Chinook	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	1
48	Crossfield	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1
49	Robert Burns	39	6	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	43	4	1	1
50	Comet	27	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	29	2	1	1
51	Unity	296	18	17	15	2	1	5	12	4	296	1	1	1
52	Langdon	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	1	1	1
53	Strathmore	60	7	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	65	5	1	1
54	Mt. Lebanon	162	14	12	15	4	1	1	7	1	173	11	1	1
55	Bassano	70	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	69	1	1	1
56	Beaver	50	5	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	58	8	1	1
57	Grassy Lake	26	3	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	26	1	1	1

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No.	LODGE	Dec. 31, 1915	Initiated	Degrees		Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1916	Increase	Decrease	
				Passed	Raised		Joined	Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.				Died
58	Chief Mountain	25	1	1	1	2	5	1	24	1	116	9		
59	King George	116	7	12	1	2	5	1	61	1	55	9		
60	Acme	52	8	8	5	1	1	1	21	1	88	2		
61	Provost	46	11	9	7	1	1	1	32	1	45	2		
62	Coal	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	1	37	9		
63	Empire	105	4	3	4	1	1	1	53	1	35	4		
64	Bow Island	43	3	3	4	1	1	1	35	1	35	3		
65	Diamond City	24	5	5	5	3	1	1	51	1	51	3		
66	St. Andrew	27	3	3	3	3	2	1	57	1	57	6		
67	Charity	28	8	8	7	2	1	1	42	1	42	4		
68	Edson	56	8	8	7	1	1	1	32	1	32	5		
69	Connaught	31	3	6	7	1	1	1	36	1	36	4		
70	Quarry	32	6	4	4	2	1	1	37	1	37	3		
71	Tawatinaw	44	5	3	3	3	2	1	51	1	51	3		
72	Coronation	48	6	3	2	1	1	1	57	1	57	6		
73	Brooks	51	8	8	3	3	1	1	42	1	42	4		
74	Vulcan	38	6	3	3	3	1	1	32	1	32	5		
75	Harmony	27	5	3	3	1	1	1	35	1	35	5		
76	Fidelity	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	46	1	46	11		
77	Strathcona	161	13	16	19	1	1	1	29	1	29	8		
78	Hanna	35	6	2	1	5	2	3	30	1	30	8		
79	Morning Star	30	3	3	4	1	2	3	89	1	89	9		
80	Excelsior	22	8	8	8	7	7	1	30	1	30	8		
81	Commercial	80	10	8	6	7	7	1	89	1	89	9		

82	Acadia	33	7	2	2	1	1	9	2	41	8			
83	Zetland	131	18	19	19	3	3	2	1	140	9			
84	Champion	23	7	2	2	1	1	2	2	29	6			
85	Suffield	22	8	11	16	3	3	1	1	30	8			
86	Rocky Mountain	27	6	6	7	4	4	2	2	35	8			
87	Crescent	63	16	13	12	2	2	2	2	81	18			
88	Wahpun	21	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	27	6			
89	Peace River	36	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	40	4			
90	Norwood	28	14	19	19	3	3	2	2	44	16			
91	Patricia	201	63	40	31	38	38	1	2	299	98			
92	Saskatchewan	39	2	3	7	2	2	2	2	43	4			
93	Symbol	19	11	13	13	7	7	2	2	37	18			
		7166	600	521	499	207	32	223	186	6	77	7513	487	140

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Connecticut	George A. Kles	Hartford.
Costa Rica	Antonio Castro	San Jose.
Cuba	Jose Marti	Habana, P.O. Box 72.
Delaware	H. J. Guthrie	Wilmington.
Dist. of Colum'a	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington, D.C., Masonic Tem.
England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wollin	Macon.
Gautemala	Filidelfio Cobar	Gautemala City.
Idaho	Geo. E. Knepper	Boise City.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Indianapolis.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Camp Point.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids, Mas. Library.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle	Dublin.
Italy	C. Berlenda	Rome, Casella Postale 443.
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka.
Louisiana	John A. Davillia	New Orleans, Masonic Ttmple.
Maine	Chas. B. Davis	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore, Masonic Temple.
Massachusetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston, Masonic Temple.
Mexico (York G.L.)	H. G. Perkins	Mexico City, P.O. Box 1986
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minntota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Gordon Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena, Masonic Temple
Nabraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Netherlands	H. J. W. van Lawick	The Hague, Fluweelen Burg. 22.
Nevada	Edw. D. Vanderlieth	Carson City.
New Brunswick	T. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Pr. William St.
New Hampshire	H. M. Cheney	Concord, 3 North Main Street
New Jersey	J. Cherry	Trenton, Masonic Temple.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keth	Albuquerque.
New Sou Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York City, Masonic Hall.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Box 341, Auckland.
North Carolina	W. W. Willson	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax, Freemasons' Hall.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, Masonic Temple.
Oklahoma	Wm. M. Anderson	Oklahoma City
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland, 388 Yamhill Street.
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple.
Peru	Abelardo L. Montes	Lima, P O. Box 587.
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila.
Porto Rica	Jose G. Torres	San Juan.
Pr. Edward Is.	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Queensland	Chas. H. Harley	Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence.
Saskatchewan	W. B. Ttate	Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Sweden	S. H. B. Svennson	Stockholm, Blasieholmen No. 6.
Victoria	Alfred Moraz	Lausanne, Ave. Ruchonnet 26.
Washington	John Hamilton	Hobart.
West Virginia	S. M. Cain	Nashville.
Wisconsin	John Watson	Waco.
Swiss Alpina	F. A. McCarty	Salt Lake City.
Tasmania	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Tennessee	C. J. Barrow	Melbourne, 25 Collins Street.
Virginia	Charles A Nesbitt	Richmond, Masonic Temple.
Texas	Wm. W. Perry	Tacoma.
Utah	J. M. Lowndes	Perth.
Vermont	J. D. Stevenson	Charleston.
Wyoming	John M. Collins	Milwaukee.
West. Australia	Horace W. Tyler	Wyoming.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter.

Year Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1905	Dr. G. Macdonald	H. C. Taylor	T. F. English	O. W. Kealy	E. N. Brown	J. J. Dunlop	Rev. J. Hinchliffe	Rev. J. S. Chivers
1906	O. W. Kealy	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	R. G. Mathews	Thos. McNabb	E. N. Brown	J. J. Dunlop	C. H. Stuart-Wade	Rev. J. Hinchliffe
1907	H. C. Taylor	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	Thos. McNabb	J. T. Macdonald	E. N. Brown	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	C. H. Stuart-Wade	Rev. C. C. Hoyle
1908	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	J. T. Macdonald	J. J. Dunlop	A. E. Jamieson	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	O. W. Kealy P.G.M.	Rev. W. R. George
1909	J. T. Macdonald	Thos. McNabb	J. J. Dunlop	R. Patterson	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	O. W. Kealy P.G.M.	Rev. G. H. Webb
1910	J. J. Dunlop	Thos. McNabb	R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	W. M. Connacher	Rev. Canon Stocken
1911	Thos. McNabb	R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	W. M. Connacher	Rev. S. B. Hillocks
1912	R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	T. M. Turnbull	Rev. R. Pearson
1913	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	E. T. Bishop	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	M. M. Downey	Rev. Canon Stocken
1914	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	E. T. Bishop	W. M. Connacher	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	J. Elliott	Rev. Canon Stocken
1915	S. Y. Taylor	E. T. Bishop	W. M. Connacher	W. J. Botterill	S. J. Blair	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby
1916	E. T. Bishop	W. M. Connacher	W. J. Botterill	H. Darling	S. Y. Taylor	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	F. R. Jelfs	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby
1917	W. M. Connacher	W. J. Botterill	H. Darling	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	T. Sharpe	S. Y. Taylor, P.G.M.	S. T. Fawcett	Rev. Dr. G. W. Kerby

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore (5).

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary.
No. 5	Cascade	Banff.
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary.
No. 23	Calgary	Calgary.
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary.
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane.
No. 54	Mt. Lebanon	Calgary.
No. 59	King George	Calgary.
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary.
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary.

District No. 2.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70).

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
No. 31	Doric	Taber.
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat.
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake.
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island.
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff.
No. 85	Suffield	Suffield.

District No. 3.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81).

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton.
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc.
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton.
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton.
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton.
No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright.
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield.
No. 69	Connaught	Viking.

District No. 4.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Finley Watson (15).

No. 8 Innisfail	Innisfail.
No. 10 Eureka	Lacombe.
No. 12 Red Deer	Red Deer.
No. 15 Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin.
No. 16 Mountain View	Olds.
No. 18 Britannia	Ponoka.
No. 20 Carstairs	Carstairs.
No. 21 King Hiram	Didsbury.
No. 29 Kenilworth	Red Deer.
No. 42 Bowden	Bowden.
No. 48 Crossfield	Crossfield.

District No. 5.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. G Reid (79).

No. 37 Camrose	Camrose.
No. 43 Tuscan	Killam.
No. 50 Comet	Hardisty.
No. 61 Provost	Provost.
No. 62 Coal	Bawlf.
No. 75 Harmony	Sedgewick.
No. 76 Fidelity	Bashaw.
No. 79 Morning Star	Lougheed.
No. 80 Excelsior	Strome.

District No. 6.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Cochrane (40).

No. 17 Nanton	Nanton.
No. 19 Cornerstone	High River.
No. 22 Corinthian	Okotoks.
No. 32 Cairo	Claresholm.
No. 33 Stavely	Stavely.
No. 40 Joppa	Granum.

District No. 7.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. F. Butler (53).

No. 36 Gleichen	Gleichen.
No. 52 Langdon	Langdon.
No. 53 Strathmore	Strathmore.
No. 55 Bassano	Bassano.
No. 60 Acme	Acme.
No. 73 Brooks	Brooks.

District No. 8.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson (26).

No. 3 Alberta	-----	Macleod.
No. 6 Spitzie	-----	Pincher.
No. 26 Sentinel	-----	Hillcrest.
No. 30 Summit	-----	Coleman.
No. 47 Chinook	-----	Cowley.
No. 86 Rocky Mountain	-----	Blairmore.

District No. 9.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. G. O'Dell (78).

No. 27 Apollo	-----	Stettler.
No. 45 Ionic	-----	Alix.
No. 56 Beaver	-----	Castor.
No. 66 St. Andrew	-----	Trochu.
No. 72 Coronation	-----	Coronation.
No. 78 Hanna	-----	Hanna.
No. 82 Acadia	-----	Youngstown.
No. 93 Symbol	-----	Drumheller.

District No. 10.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71).

No. 11 Acacia	-----	Edmonton.
No. 63 Empire	-----	Edmonton.
No. 90 Norwood	-----	Edmonton.
No. 13 Victoria	-----	Ft. Saskatchewan.
No. 24 Vermilion	-----	Vermilion.
No. 25 St. Johns	-----	Vegreville.
No. 38 Hope	-----	Manville.
No. 71 Tawatinaw	-----	Athabasca.

District No. 11.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. Williamson (67).

No. 4 North Star	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 39 Lethbridge	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 49 Robert Burns	-----	Carmangay.
No. 58 Chief Mountain	-----	Cardston.
No. 65 Diamond City	-----	Diamond City.
No. 67 Charity	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 74 Vulcan	-----	Vulcan.
No. 84 Champion	-----	Champion.

District No. 12.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. Jellis (68).

No. 14 Jasper	-----	Edmonton.
No. 77 Strathcona	-----	Edmonton South.
No. 91 Patricia	-----	Edmonton.
No. 68 Edson	-----	Edson.
No. 88 Wahpun	-----	Grouard.
No. 89 Peace River	-----	Peace River Crossing.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

By S. Y. TAYLOR, P.G.M., Chairman

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons of the Province of Alberta:

Brethren:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents its fifth annual review of the doings of other Grand Lodges, arranged according to the usual alphabetical method.

We regret that owing to sickness and other unavoidable circumstances we were unable to complete the review of the proceedings of every Grand Lodge with whom we exchange Fraternal Relations, and we trust that any Brethren of the Round Table who look in vain for that which would particularly interest them, will pardon the omission which we regret much more than they.

This review is intended primarily for our own readers, and we hope they will find much of interest and inspiration within its pages.

The most important subjects discussed during the year were: the world wide conflict and its effect upon Masonry; the consequent larger demand for charity abroad as well as at home, and the best means of accomplishing this; the maintenance of Masonic Homes and Schools, their advantages and disadvantages; the establishment of Masonic Research Societies and Study Clubs, together with the founding of Masonic libraries in every jurisdiction; the unsuccessful attempt to form a general Grand Lodge for North America; the relaxing of the regulations with respect to the physical qualification of candidates; the guarding of our portals against unworthy applicants, etc.

These subjects have been discussed in this report and we earnestly commend them to the thoughtful student who wishes to know more about the Brotherhood which has so signally honored him with the privileges of life membership.

ALABAMA.

The ninety-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Montgomery on December 6th, 1916. Walter Smith, Grand Master.

The corner stones of nine public buildings were laid by the Grand Master or his Representative.

While the Grand Master has had a very busy year, yet no unusual events have transpired which would be of particular interest to our Brethren.

This Grand Lodge has authorized a special Committee to make suitable arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against granting recognition to the Supreme Council 33 A. & A.S. Rite of the Argentine Republic, also the National Grand Lodge of France.

Much space is occupied in the proceedings with giving in detail an account of their Masonic Home. The present enrolment is 127. It is doing an excellent work, but the financing of the Institution seems to be an arduous undertaking. The entire maintenance per day per capita is only 50c.

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge with respect to fees for initiation reads as follows:—

“The fee for initiating a candidate in the first degree of Masonry shall not be less than fifteen dollars; for the second degree eight dollars, and for the third degree ten dollars, of which amount three dollars paid for the second degree shall inure to and be appropriated for the benefit of the Masonic Home and shall be remitted by the Secretary of the subordinate Lodge to the Grand Secretary as soon after passing as practicable for such purpose, provided that any Lodge shall be authorized to confer any or all of these degrees, or any part thereof, gratuitously upon Ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in the exercise of their ministerial function.”

In cities where two or more lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, the Secretary of each Lodge is required to notify all other Lodges in such jurisdiction of each and every application for initiation or affiliation.

The Grand Lodge has had a number of eminent Reviewers during the last fifty years, and Bro. Street who presents his first report is proving a worthy successor of these distinguished Brethren.

Number of Lodges, 557.

Number of members, 28,596.

Net gain, 680.

Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa -----Grand Master
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery ----Grand Secretary

ARIZONA

The thirty-fourth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened on Mar. 14, 1916 in the city of Tucson, Geo. A. Bridge, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is concise, yet complete in its detail of every official act during his tenure of office.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following matters which were adopted by Grand Lodge.

A Past Master is one who has been elected or named in a Charter, and duly installed and has served a term (any period of time) as Master of a Lodge.

A Master has the right to install his successor in office.

The Master or Acting Master may invite any Past Master (by office) either of his own or any other Lodge, of this or any other Jurisdiction, who is in good standing, to install the newly elected Master.

The Grand Lodge should lay the cornerstone of a public building only by invitation from the proper authorities. As they and not the Grand Lodge furnish the stone, the decision as to what if anything should be put upon it (or in the box) rests with them. A sense of propriety usually leads them to confer with the Grand Lodge or the Local Lodge, and if any disagreement should ensue the Grand Lodge should decline to perform its ceremonies. There is nothing wrong or inappropriate in placing a Masonic inscription or emblem upon a cornerstone when the same is laid by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodges of the Phillipine Islands and of Queensland were recognized by this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance recommended that no further contributions to the Masonic War Relief Association be solicited from subordinate lodges at this time, which recommendation was concurred in by Grand Lodge.

The "Work" of this Grand Lodge was revised and it was resolved that there be an original and two copies under the discretion and disposal of the Grand Master, the original to be numbered 1 to be held by the Grand Lecturer, the copies to be numbered 2 and 3 to remain in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. N. Fredericks, P.G.M., in an able address says:

Quite often Masonic writers disagree as to the object and mission of Freemasonry. Some hold without reservation that the main object of Masonry is to make bad men good, and make bad Masons better," while others, with equal emphasis, assert, "to make bad men good through Masonry would be making bad men Masons." Making bad men good is for the church. That man only is qualified for Masonry who observes the precepts of the moral law, and leads a virtuous life so as to merit the approbation of his fellow men, and comes under the tongue of good report. Masonry is no reformatory for the doubtful reconstruction of moral offenders. Neither is it a hospital for the curing of the morally defective, and Masonry will repent in sack-cloth and ashes if she lets down

the bars and accepts the morally unfit, permitting such to espouse her. Its membership should be such that the following lines would be applicable in all cases:

"We make it plainly to appear,
By our behaviour everywhere,
That when you meet a Mason, there
You meet a gentleman."

The Mission of Freemasonry is the betterment of those who come within its sphere of influence, which in view of the enormous expansion of the Craft, it would be difficult to define as anything less than worldwide. This influence, legitimately exercised, should provide one of the most powerful contributions to the elevation of the human race, but the potential form must be dependent on the sum of individual effort. Upon each and everyone, therefore, devolves the duty of sustaining the reputation of our Order, and keeping it ever clean from the stain of reproach.

The following are some of the general regulations in force in this Grand Lodge:

That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate Lodges are hereby ordered to strike same from the By-laws of their respective Lodges.

It is the order of this Grand Lodge that no Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall incorporate under the State or Territorial Law.

Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are authorized to drop from their annual returns the names of all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been returned for two years previous and who have not in that period applied for advancement.

Any Lodge desiring to do so, may, by the adoption of a standing resolution to that effect, which resolution shall not be acted upon at the stated meeting at which it is introduced nor until notice in writing thereof shall have been forwarded by mail to every member, may provide for a system of life membership, which shall forever exempt the life member from the payment of dues therein.

Said resolution shall provide that no life membership shall be granted except upon payment of a sum of money named therein, which sum shall, in case the annual dues are \$12.00, be not less than the sum of \$150.00, and the minimum amount to be proportionately greater or less as the dues are greater or less; and shall further provide that all amounts paid for life membership shall be invested only in such reputable banks of deposit or in such bonds of the United States, Arizona, or some city, county or town thereof, or in such other first-class stocks, bonds, or securities as may be directed by the Lodge and approved by the Master, and that only the income thereof shall be used by the Lodge, the original amounts to be forever kept and maintained as and for a permanent Life Membership Fund.

Said resolution shall require the Secretary in making his annual report to the Grand Lodge, to report the number of life members borne on the roll, the amount of the fund thus created and the manner in which the said fund is invested.

Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said Committee in open Lodge; but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said Committee. When this Committee makes its report it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said reports shall be destroyed.

No report on Foreign Correspondence is presented.

Number of lodges, 24; membership, 2,668; net gain, 103.

Frederick W. Perkins, Flagstaff -----Grand Master

George J. Roskrue, Tuscon -----Grand Secretary

ARKANSAS

The seventy-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Little Rock on Nov. 21, 1916. L. P. Kemper, Grand Master.

Upon the Grand Lodge being duly opened, the roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was called. At the conclusion of the roll call, the Craft arose and gave the funeral Grand Honors in memory of those eminent and beloved Brethren.

This Grand Lodge took a decided and definite stand against the liquor business in that State.

"Decision No. 2. Question: Will it be a violation of the law of our Grand Lodge for a Mason in this state to sign a petition asking for the repeal of the state-wide Prohibition law and for local option so that saloons may be brought in again?

Answer: The Edict passed by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas at its session of 1914, says it is a Masonic offence to sign a petition for a liquor license, and it is at least the spirit of the said edict, that it is a Masonic offence to sign a petition to repeal the State-wide Prohibition law, so that saloons may be brought into the State again, therefore, signing such a petition, will subject any mason living in this Jurisdiction to expulsion or indefinite suspension, and Lodges are hereby directed to proceed accordingly on every case of such violation."

A flood occurred at Clarendon in this State and the Grand Master immediately issued instructions to wire \$300 for the relief of the distressed Brethren.

Grand Master Kemper has the courage of his convictions. He reports thus:

"I have been compelled to make several subordinate lodges pay to other lodges money that had been expended for the purpose of caring for the sick, and in some instances burying the deceased.

"It is a deplorable fact that some of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction have allowed Sister Jurisdictions to care for their sick and bury their dead, and then repudiate the debt, on account of being financially poor. And in this connection I want to take the time to express to the representatives of the subordinate Lodges my utter contempt for a Lodge which refuses to pay for the care of a sick Brother or the burial of a dead one. If it is wrong to defraud a Lodge of Master Masons, under ordinary circumstances, it is doubly so to refuse to pay the expense incurred by a Sister Lodge in caring for our sick and afflicted, and a Lodge that will not do that, should have their charter arrested and have their organization wiped off the map, for of all the contemptible, mean things it is possible for a Lodge to do, I think that is the worst, and I would feel more kindly to a Lodge that would wilfully violate every edict of the Grand Lodge than the one who obeys every edict implicitly and then refused to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased Brother, when such expense was incurred by a Sister Lodge."

INSURANCE

"I have had reports from several Lodges who have lost their hall and contents by fire, and, on investigating, I found that in 99 per cent. of cases the Lodge carried no insurance, thus their loss was total."

The Officers of the Lodge should be held personally liable for such carelessness.

Dispensations were issued for four new Lodges and the cornerstones of four public buildings were laid by the Fraternity.

As the Arkansas National Guard was suddenly called to the Mexican border, several Lodges were granted dispensations to confer the Third Degree in less than the statutory time, but in every case the candidate was required to learn his lecture and be examined in open Lodge as to his proficiency before receiving the Third Degree.

The following recommendation was approved by Grand Lodge:

"Having been brought in close touch with the charities of the State, and realizing that we now have six or seven poor indigent Masons, and at least the same number of Masonic widows, who are living entirely on the charity of their relatives and friends, without any prospect of ever having anything better, without, at present, there being any chance that they can be given any of the comforts of life in their declining years, and fully realizing that charity is one of the strongest bonds of our Fraternity, I feel that it is just and

right that we should build a home for these aged and dependent brother Masons, their wives and widows.

"And for the purpose of building such a home, I would recommend to this Grand Lodge, that a resolution be passed, providing for the assessment of a per capita tax of not less than 50 cents per year, payable as other Grand Lodge dues are paid."

Grand Master Kemper devoted practically his entire time to the service of the Craft, and visited 420 out of 565 Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Delegates to this Grand Lodge are paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way for the distance travelled to attend its Annual Sessions.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee presented a very brief report, covering three pages.

Number of Lodges, 565.

Total membership, 21,436.

J. S. Reamey, Hot Springs-----Grand Master

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock-----Grand Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened at the city of Vancouver, on June 22, 1916, William C. Ditmars, Grand Master.

In the introduction of his annual address, he says:

"I am pleased to be able to report that the Craft, in general, in this Jurisdiction, is in a very satisfactory condition. While the numerical growth has not been so great as in other recent years, I believe that all the Lodges are working harmoniously and are paying very close attention to the selection of their material. There is a feeling among the various Lodges which I have visited that too much care cannot be exercised in this respect, and I believe that while the growth has been small the quality of the accepted candidates has been good."

The following rulings were submitted by the Grand Master and concurred in by Grand Lodge:

Is a person eligible for degrees in Free Masonry who has lost the index finger of the right hand?

I replied in the negative, as it has been so ruled by Grand Master Houston, which ruling was upheld.

Columbia Lodge No. 38 invested officers in absence of Worshipful Master-Elect.

Ruled that Worshipful Master must first be installed and then Officers re-invested.

Should an application for the restoration of a Brother be dealt with by an open vote or by a secret ballot?

Ans: By secret ballot.

Is a person eligible for degrees in Free Masonry who has lost all the fingers and part of left hand?

Ans: No.

One new Lodge was granted a warrant and a dispensation issued by the Grand Master to form a new Lodge in the City of Vancouver.

Grand Lodge voted against paying the travelling expenses of Representatives of Subordinate Lodges.

Grand Lodge approved of the recommendation of the Grand Master, that an identification card, signed by the W.M. and Secretary and under seal of the Lodge be issued to Brethren of this Jurisdiction while on active naval or military service overseas, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to design a suitable form and issue same to Lodges on request. The recommendation of the Grand Master was approved, that the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held alternately in the cities of New Westminster, Victoria and Vancouver and that the Committee on Constitution be instructed to make the necessary amendment thereto.

A motion to reduce the per capita tax to Grand Lodge from one dollar to fifty cents per annum was lost.

This Grand Lodge spent \$150 on their library last year and have included \$200 in their estimates this year for that purpose.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by W. A. De Wolf Smith, Grand Secretary. It contains 172 pages of closely printed matter carefully gleaned from the proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.

Number of Lodges, 77; total membership, 7,797; net increase, 100.

William Astley, Vancouver -----Grand Master

W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster--Grand Secretary

CALIFORNIA

The sixty-seventh annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of San Francisco on Oct. 10, 1916, Albert G. Burnett, Grand Master.

The Grand Master concludes the introductory paragraphs of his stirring address with these words:

"And so, my Brethren, with the individual: He cannot live unto himself alone and continue to live a wholesome, helpful and successful life. He must recognize the fact that he is but one unit of this great aggregation constituting the

race; that his own progress and happiness are inseparably linked with the history and destiny of his fellow men; that there is a law of unity and common interest binding us together and emphasizing the importance of all we do in relation to other human beings. We must realize that there will be for us no real life, no permanent progress, no substantial growth and development, and no abiding success or supreme happiness, if we attempt to live ourselves apart from the others or to exclude from consideration the happiness and success of the rest of mankind. We can only become greater, stronger, better and happier in an honest, earnest and persistent endeavor to be of vital and helpful service to others."

A handsome gift:—

"On December 23rd I received from a Brother who asked me not to reveal his name the sum of \$21,000 in gilt edge bonds to be used in the construction of a dormitory at Covina, Los Angeles County, in connection with our Home for Children. It was a noble gift from a noble man. I will always remember the interview I had with him. It was to him and to me an occasion of joy unspeakable. I wish that more of our moneyed men could so fully appreciate their obligation to humanity and the significance and importance of such a monument to their memory."

Greetings were exchanged over the telephone a distance of 3,400 miles across the continent, between the Grand Master of New Jersey and the Grand Master of California.

At the Decoto Masonic Home 37 men and 12 women were admitted this year, making a total of 100 men and 52 women cared for by this Institution.

Thirty-two boys and twenty-four girls are being provided for and educated at the Covina Home. Full details of the excellent work being done by these two Institutions appear in the proceedings.

In addition to this noble work, so far as I am personally aware, no jurisdiction in the World grants Masonic relief so liberally to foreign Brethren as in California, and it is to be regretted that this generosity is sometimes imposed upon, particularly by members from foreign Jurisdictions in the continent of Europe.

The Committee on Masonic Education made the following recommendations:

"First, that a Committee on Masonic Education consisting of three members be appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to serve for the ensuing year. That it shall be the duty of this Committee to exercise a helpful influence toward all Lodges who desire their counsel and advice. That this Committee shall foster and encourage throughout this Jurisdiction the study and research of Masonic tradition, history, literature, law, philosophy and dominant purposes of this Institution.

"Second, that a series of lectures to be read in our Lodges at stated intervals, shall be prepared under the direction of such Committee. Such lectures to be submitted to the M.W. Grand Master for his approval and afterwards printed. One lecture to be mailed each month to every Lodge in this Jurisdiction, but only on request.

"Third, that a series of three lectures be prepared under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Education, along exoteric lines, appropriate respectively to the E.A., F.C. and M.M. degrees. Such lectures to be first approved by the M.W. Grand Master and afterwards printed. These lectures to be placed in the candidate's hands after he has received each degree. The lectures to be sold to the Lodges desiring them at cost.

"Fourth, that the formation of Study Clubs be encouraged, and that this feature of the work follow a systematic and carefully conceived plan."

Bro. Burke Grand Orator, concludes an eloquent address with these words:—

"I cannot better conclude this address than by a quotation from a Brother who long since journeyed on: 'There is,' said Frank Tilford, 'no eternity to matter. No work of man can resist the ruthless hand of violence or the unsparing scythe of time. Even the temple which our ancient craftsman erected on the sacred mountain, that marvellous structure of consummate beauty, has not escaped the universal doom. Note the changes wrought on our planet since the era of authentic history. Science reveals to us the unchangeable decree of the Infinite that the time must arrive in the grand procession of the ages, when all life shall cease upon our globe. The atmosphere with its gorgeous hues and banner of clouds will pass away; the rivers and oceans will disappear; the myriad voices of nature will no longer rise to the heavens in songs of rejoicing, and the mighty monuments of the past will remain, tombs of generations that have died amid the awful solitudes of a dead world; but the principles of Masonry cannot die. They must survive. They are rays from the eternal light, drops from the river of everlasting life, and, like their deathless original, they, too, possess the attribute of immortality.'

"O Masonry! with origin vested in mystery, yet whose pathway is luminous with the love of humanity; whose life is the spirit of everworking benevolence; whose mission is the divinest charity, may thy standards advance, thy temples rise, until Truth, Justice, Faith, Charity and Fraternal Love encompass with their holy influence every tribe and every nation."

These beautiful words entitled "The Passage" deserve a place in this review:—

Do you think that I fear you, good man Death?
Then, sir, you do not know,
For your grim white face and your frosty breath,
And your mantle of driven snow,
Bring naught to me but a signal of love:
My Father sent you, He dwelleth above,
And I am ready to go.

The battle is over and we have won.
Perhaps you did not know
That just tonight the setting sun
Saw the turning of the foe.
If you had come in the thick of the fray
I might not have wanted to turn away:
Now I am ready to go.

Please steady me into your little boat.
Your arm—yes, thank you—there,
I think when we are well afloat
I'll sleep, if you do not care.
If I'm not awake when we reach the shore,
Till Father I stayed till the battle was o'er,
And tried to do my share."

The following are some of the decisions of the Grand Master approved by the Grand Lodge:—

"Where installation is to take place in a building other than where the Lodge regularly meets, the Lodge should open in the Lodge-room and then repair to the place of installation.

"Out of respect to the wishes of the deceased, and as a courtesy to another Fraternal Organization, the Master might properly request the other organization to render its service or a part of it, it being understood that the Masonic Lodge shall have charge of and conclude the service.

"It is proper to hold Masonic services over the ashes of a Brother whose body has been cremated."

Bro. Edward H. Hart, P.G.M., presented his eighth annual report on Fraternal Correspondence. We hope to find Alberta included in his admirable review, next year.

Number of members, 57,856.

Net gain, 2,515.

Francis V. Keesling, San Francisco-----Grand Master

John Whicher, San Francisco -----Grand Secretary

CANADA

The sixty-first annual communication of this Grand Lodge, opened in the City of London, Ontario, July 19, 1916. Sydney A. Lake, Grand Master.

We quote from the address of the Grand Master regarding the death of Lord Kitchener:

In addition to the honours he had won as an administrator, and as Commander-in-chief of the army in India, honours of this fraternity had also been conferred upon him. He was a District Grand Master of the Punjab by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on June 7, 1903. He was also a P.D.G. Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England. But, we know him chiefly as the soldier, who not only deserved, and received the confidence of his own people, but who, was also an inspiration to other peoples, particularly our Allies in this war, who, I am certain, share in the nation's sorrowing for the death of the most distinguished soldier of his time, and to whose memory Robert Stead pays a fine tribute:

Weep, waves of England! Nobler clay
 Was ne'er to nobler grave consigned;
 The wild waves weep with us today,
 Who mourn a nation's master mind.
 We hoped an honoured age for him,
 And ashes laid with England's great;
 And rapturous music and the dim
 Deep hush that veils our Tombs of State.
 But this is better. Let him sleep
 Where sleep the men who made us free,
 For England's heart is in the deep,
 And England's glory is the sea.
 One only vow above his bier,
 One only oath beside his bed;
 We swear our flag shall shield him here
 Until the sea gives up its dead.
 Leap, waves of England! Boastful be,
 And fling defiance in the blast,
 For earth is envious of the sea,
 Which shelters England's dead, at last.

Strange as it may seem, some Grand Lodges still claim perpetual Jurisdiction over their rejected candidates. Concerning this the Grand Master reports as follows:

Under date the 18th March the M.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania made complaint against a Lodge in this Jurisdiction under the law of "Perpetual Jurisdiction"—a law, or principle, neither admitted or claimed by our Constitution.

The facts are: In 1903 a man made application for initiation to a Lodge in that State, and was rejected because of slight mutilation of the left hand. Moving to Canada, and having acquired Masonic residence, he made application and was made a Mason in 1910. Returning to Pennsylvania to

reside he demitted from the Lodge here, and made application to affiliate in that State, but was refused on the ground that he had committed an offence, as also the Canadian Lodge which had initiated him, without first obtaining the consent of the rejecting Pennsylvania Lodge of 1903.

Acting on the principle that the "least said is soonest mended," particularly as regards the laws of "Perpetual Jurisdiction," and "Physical Qualification," the defence, after expressing regret that such a case had arisen, simply pointed out that the Brother in question, and the Lodge, having complied with our Laws, which, as a sovereign body we have inherent right to make for our own guidance, obviously neither he nor the Lodge had committed any offence, and appeal was made that Masonic intercourse be permitted him with his Brethren of Pennsylvania.

This Grand Lodge has expended for Benevolent purposes during 1916 the sum of \$36,070 and has forwarded to the King of Belgium \$46,638.39 as a contribution towards the relief of the citizens of that grief-stricken country.

The following decisions given by the Grand Master and afterwards ratified by Grand Lodge, are of general interest:

May a Lodge take part in a military funeral? My interpretation of Clause 232 is that the words "Other Societies" includes all and sundry organizations of whatever kind. When a Lodge is called for the purpose of conducting a funeral, it is constitutionally bound not only to read our service, and perform our ceremony, but must have and keep control of the body to be buried. My advice, in the case presented, counselled that in order to avoid possibility of a clash, the Lodge should decline to perform our service unless there was distinct understanding to the above effect previous to calling an emergent meeting of the Lodge.

In a town of 5,000 population, a joint parade of all fraternal societies to attend Divine Service. The question was: "May the Lodge join and march in procession to the Church?" My answer was advisory only, that such action was undesirable, because better order and regularity would ensue and be more in keeping with the dignity of this old fraternity to walk in procession alone.

A member of a Lodge under a foreign Jurisdiction, moved to this Jurisdiction, and became a Charter Member of one of our Lodges. Subsequently he was suspended for N.P.D. by a foreign Lodge. What is his position in our Canadian Lodge? In good standing!

Is it proper to applaud, or to permit applause openly, upon the rendering of any part of the work in the Lodge? No! It tends to create jealousy and irritation among the officers, and especially with those who have not had educational advantages, but who have nevertheless spent of their energy, and are perhaps more sincere and earnest than the more talented Brother.

Has a Lodge the right to elect and install as W.M. a Brother who has enlisted, in face of the probability that he will be sent overseas before his term of office expires? Will absence deprive him of "Past Rank?" A Lodge has not the right to anticipate that any Brother who is elected and accepts the office of W.M. at installation, will not fill it. And whether he does so in fact, or name only, provided he is not asked to, or does not resign the office, he will be entitled to Past Rank at the end of his term of office.

It is customary, not compulsory, for the W.M. to invite the Brethren to examine the ballot.

Grand Master Lake concludes his able address with these words:

If I have succeeded in saying one word or doing one act that has and will have good influence I am satisfied, for my creed has been:

To leave some simple mark behind,
That I have lived for men to find;
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe;
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine;
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.

The face value of the Semi-Centennial Fund which is invested in debentures is \$103,177.72.

The Board of Warrants recommended that Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary's office to provide a standard set of Lodge books, including Members' Register, Visitors' Register, Minute Book, General Membership Record Book, Cash Book and Ledger, and as each dispensation is granted and before the Lodge is instituted the Brethren to whom the dispensation is granted must provide a set of these standard books for the purpose of the Lodge.

The Special Committee on proposed Masonic Musical Ritual explained that the proposed ritual consisted of two parts—one hymnal and the other chant work.

They recommended that the proposed hymnal, hymn work and chant work be adopted by Grand Lodge as a musical ritual for use in constituent Lodges and that 5,000 copies at a cost of approximately \$1,190 be ordered and that they be retailed by the Grand Secretary to members of the craft at 50 cents each.

The report was received and adopted.

The Benevolence Committee acting on the recommendation of Bro. J. B. Nixon, Inspector of Benevolent Grants distributed \$35,000 during the year to about 450 widows, Brethren, orphans, wives and mothers of Masons.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands but refused to the Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Argentine Republic.

We agree with our esteemed Brother, A. T. Freed, that the name of the Committee should be changed from "Foreign" to "Fraternal".

His report maintains the high standard of its predecessors.
Number of Lodges, 449; total membership, 61,062.

Sydney A. Luke, Ottawa -----Grand Master

R. L. Gunn, Hamilton -----Grand Secretary

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The one hundred and sixth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened at Washington, D.C., on December 20, 1916.

William W. Jermane, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his address with these words:

The year now soon to close has been one of the most noteworthy in the history of the Jurisdiction. The gross gain in membership was 823, which is the largest ever recorded. The net gain was 355, the largest since 1908. But we have not been devoting all our time to the making of new members. We have been doing things that have far greater value, and compared with which any record of mere numbers is unimportant. The greatest achievements of the year have been in the realm of the immaterial rather than in that of the material. We are realizing in a larger way than ever before, that, as the children of a loving heavenly Father, we are indeed Brethren, and each of us his Brother's keeper. We are trying to make a more liberal use of the talents that have been given us, and in this work the entire Jurisdiction lovingly shares. The harmony and good will with which the year began have thus been emphasized and enlarged, and made a personal experience in the lives of all the Brethren.

Certainly no Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction was overlooked by the Grand Master as he made 215 visits during the year to the thirty Lodges under his supervision.

This Grand Lodge has a Masonic Club in Washington which in addition to active works of charity holds monthly meetings for which interesting programs of music, addresses and special features are prepared.

An appropriation of one thousand dollars was made by Grand Lodge for the purpose of organizing a Masonic Employment Bureau. A Manager was appointed and an office secured. During the first six months of its existence, the wisdom of their action has been fully justified. It is now proposed to assess a per capita levy of ten cents in order to maintain this work.

James W. Witten, the newly installed Grand Master, is evidently a Brother well qualified for the exalted station to which he has just been elected.

In his address to the Brethren after his installation he said:

It may satisfy our pride to do so, but in so far as our betterment and our attainment of true happiness are concerned, it is vain and almost useless for us to boast of the work done by our Lodge, or our church—of its uplifts, its benevolences, of the successful efforts of its officers—when we as individuals have done no more than to pay into its treasury a paltry sum as annual dues, and have personally made no larger efforts at self-development than that; when we personally have not visited a sick Brother, done nothing to cheer and uplift a drooping and despondent soul, gone one step out of our way to find employment for an idle but willing and needy worker, caused a single smile or wiped away a single tear. How can we expect to grow and develop and be truly happy when we have made no effort to so frame our lives and so live them that others “seeing may take heart again,” when we have made no personal effort to lead others along the lines of higher life, thought and action, have not subdued a single passion, or turned down a single glass as an inspiration to other and younger men to purify and fructify their lives? How can we render a good account of our individual stewardship when we have forgotten that we came into this great order to learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry?

George W. Baird, P.G.M., presented his seventeenth annual report on the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. Alberta, 1916, receives generous consideration.

Number of Lodges, 30; total membership, 10,526; net gain, 384.

James W. Witten, Washington, D.C. -----Grand Master

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, D.C. ---Grand Secretary

GEORGIA

The one hundred and thirtieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened on Oct. 31st, 1916, at the City of Macon. N. H. Ballard, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his report says:—

“On May 20th, this Grand Lodge was accorded a great honor in being invited to lay the boundary stone that marked the beginning of one of the most stupendous undertakings of all times. It is the intention of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monument Association to carve from the perpendicular face of that mighty monolith, heroic figures of the great leaders of the Confederacy, and, in addition, companies of cavalry, infantry and artillery, as well as representations of the naval forces of the Confederacy. When this great work is accomplished it will be one of the wonders of the world, indeed, the most colossal monument on earth. To this end they have secured the services of the noted sculptor Gutzon Borglum to chisel the monument on the mountain commemorating the valor of the Southern Confederacy. The entire ceremony was impressive and inspiring.”

The study side of Freemasonry is intensely interesting to every thoughtful member of our Order and I take the liberty of quoting at length from the comprehensive report of the Committee on Masonic Research. After stating the value of such investigation they report as follows:—

“We will briefly mention some of the methods being pursued in some other Grand Jurisdictions.

Libraries

Libraries are being built up by most of the Grand Lodges. the Grand Secretary usually taking on the duties of the Grand Librarian. Many valuable books and documents are contributed each year by Brethren, publishers and others, and a small appropriation for the purchase of new and important publications, especially works of reference, is usually put on the budget.

Some Grand Lodges have a number of circulating libraries, consisting of ten or more volumes of well selected Masonic books, packed in strong shipping boxes, and these are sent around over the State to the Lodges, with no charge except expressage.

Many Subordinate Lodges are also accumulating libraries of some pretensions, the Lodge also providing suitable reading rooms. These furnish convenient and pleasant meeting places, where the Brethren mingle socially, study Masonry, entertain visiting Masons, etc.

Study Clubs, Etc.

In many places the Brethren form "Study Clubs," "Past Masters' Associations," and other groups for mental improvement and advancement in the knowledge of Masonry of all lines.

Lecturers

Some of the Grand Lodges commission and send out popular lecturers, who visit Lodges on invitation and entertain them with delightful and instructive addresses upon various phases of Masonry, outside the ritual, receiving very modest compensation for such services, a portion of which is sometimes paid by the Grand Lodge, with a view of stimulating greater interest in Masonic studies.

Lecture Bureaus

The Masonic Lecture Bureau of Montana is getting out a series of splendid lectures, typewritten, which are rented to Lodges all over the country for a nominal charge. They include Masonic history and other vitally interesting subjects written by able Masonic scholars, in the light of the most recent and approved authorities and archaeological discoveries in all lands. These lectures are read in open Lodge by some designated Brother, and thereupon the subject may be taken up and discussed in the Lodge, or further pursued by the individual Brethren. They are splendidly prepared papers, truthful and reliable, and are written in good rhetorical style for public reading. These may be procured through the Secretary, Brother R. J. Lemert, Helena, Montana. The rentals of the lectures are supposed to about cover expenses, and the Bureau is not operated for profit.

National Masonic Research Society

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, under the leadership of its able Committee on Masonic Research is doing excellent work. The membership of this Society is increasing rapidly and "The Builder" its monthly magazine, devoted exclusively to Masonry, and edited by that brilliant scholar, writer and speaker, Brother Joseph Fort Newton is coming up to a high standard, and the work of the Society as laid out is certainly great and promises to move the boundaries of Masonic research in this country up to higher ground.

Every mason, wherever he resides is welcome to become a member of the Society at a nominal cost for annual dues and the magazine is sent free. The Society is also issuing a number of lectures, papers, etc., of great merit and sold at nominal cost. It is not operated for profit, but all revenues are used in extending and improving the work of the Society. It has the full sanction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, one of the most conservative and yet one of the most progressive of our affiliated Grand Bodies. Its great Masonic Library, at Cedar Rapids, is the admiration of the whole country.

"The Builders—A Story and Study of Masonry"

A few years ago the Grand Lodge of Iowa, feeling the need of such a work for its young Masons, commissioned Brother Newton to write a history of Masonry, in short, popular form. The book has just been issued from the press under the above title and may be had through the Grand Secretary, Brother Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids. A copy of this book is presented to every newly raised Master Mason in every Lodge in Iowa. We have recently read this little volume and can recommend it, without reserve, to every Mason in Texas. It is authentic, written in charming style, and the author's reference to authorities comprises the whole range of standard Masonic books, thus enabling the reader to extend his course of reading into wider fields."

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master says:—

"Much injury has been done to Masonry by the introduction of Members whose standing in the community would not justify a Masonic Lodge in accepting them. This is the Lodge's mistake. On the other hand, many apply who, if they knew beforehand for what the Masonic Fraternity stands, would hesitate.

"It would be helpful if we adopted the custom of presenting to everyone who signifies his desire to become a Mason a short statement of what Masonry really means, and I understand such a custom is prevalent in many Lodges, and I herewith append one used by Arcania Lodge, No. 87, of Seattle, Washington.

"You have expressed a wish to become a Freemason. Before going further we deem it essential to meet you with candor and courteously request your careful consideration of this Preliminary Statement and certain questions concerning yourself.

"Masonry is a universal system of morality to which all good men may subscribe. Its teachings are based upon belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul and the brotherhood of man. While acknowledging with deep reverence the eternal and all-powerful Creator, it places no restrictions upon a man's religious or political opinions, striving to unite all men as Brothers and to free them from darkness and error. Indeed, its moral and philosophic instructions are drawn from Truth itself and harmonize with the highest and best that are to be found in every religion which makes for the enlightenment of mankind.

"The realization of your desire to become a part of this Fraternity will depend upon the judgment of the members as to whether you are suitable material for the Society and whether the Society is suitable for you. It will, therefore, be their duty, in case your petition is presented to the Lodge, to institute diligent inquiries about you; after which a vote

by ballot will be taken, wherein a single negative will preclude your admission. Examine yourself, therefore, and see whether you can answer the expectations of the Fraternity; and above all, endeavor to settle clearly and honestly in your own mind the motives which lead you to seek our society. The following will serve to facilitate this self-examination and to guard both you and ourselves against mistakes.

1. Do you expect by becoming a member to obtain any outward advantage relative to your position as a citizen and as an individual? If so, you will be disappointed.

2. Would your present convictions prevent you from disregarding distinctions which society has made between individuals as to their station, wealth, religious opinions, politics, etc.? If so, relinquish the idea of becoming a Freemason as no notice is taken of those discriminations in our meetings.

3. If however, you believe that we advocate a civil relation that is chimerical or a liberty and equality neither good nor practical, then you should reconsider your resolution to join us, because with such views you would not suit our Society.

4. Curiosity, ambition for honors, and desire to enlarge the circle of your social acquaintance, are not suitable motives for seeking admission into Freemasonry.

5. To those who voluntarily knock at its doors and whose character, motives and daily lives are in harmony with its high ideals, the Temples of the Society are open. To preserve and perpetuate its teachings, every initiate is required to make vows of the most inviolable secrecy as to its rites and ceremonies. These obligations in no wise conflict with the duties he owes to God, humanity, the country of which he is a citizen, the community in which he lives, or himself.

6. Since the Masonic Fraternity, as has already been said, consists of men of all classes and circumstances, you might perhaps find someone among us with whom you have been or are at variance. Therefore, determine to your own satisfaction whether you will be strong and charitable enough to acknowledge such a man as your Brother.

7. Our membership is attended with some necessary expense, which we require to be promptly and punctually paid, that our good works may not suffer for want thereof. The amount you can readily ascertain (by reference to our By-Laws), and you will give this due attention.

"We trust you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented. It is of the utmost importance to you as well as to the Fraternity that the motives and ideals governing your daily life be in substantial accord therewith. A frank

and voluntary expression of your views, together with any explanations you may wish to make regarding these and other matters, is desired, and will receive careful, sincere, and conscientious attention.

"Kindly return this paper with your communication to the Secretary of the Lodge, on or before -----

"After the petitioner has been elected, the Secretary of the Lodge sends him notice to that effect, in the following letter, which gives him something further to think about while awaiting initiation.

"It affords me pleasure to inform you that you have been duly elected to receive the degrees of Masonry and become a member of this Lodge by initiation, in accordance with your petition. As soon as the exact date has been set for conferring the first, or Entered Apprentice Degree, you will be informed. Meanwhile, you may reflect with much profit upon the step you are about to take, and the motives which prompt you to seek admission into an institution inspired by the pure principles of Truth and Benevolence, the ceremonies and allegories of which are intended as useful moral lessons, illustrative of Light and Truth to the mind of him who seeks to enter—lessons to be cherished among life's fondest memories."

Five dispensations for new Lodges and five Chartered Lodges were constituted during the year.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee gave us a very complete review of our 1915 proceedings.

Number of Lodges, 661.

Total membership, 42,749.

Net gain, 1,252.

Frank O. Miller, Fort Valley -----Grand Master.

Frank F. Baker, Macon -----Grand Secretary.

IDAHO

The forty-ninth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened at the City of Twin Falls on September 12, 1916.

Francis Jenkins, Grand Master.

With respect to a General Grand Lodge in the United States, he says:

No call for a conference of Grand Masters of the various Grand Jurisdictions was made during my term of office. Of

this failure I am truly sorry for I believe that Masonry as now controlled by independent jurisdiction has reached the point of advancement that the whole superstructure should be changed from Grand Independent Jurisdiction as now, to Grand Constituent Jurisdictions whereby all constituent Grand Lodges could send properly accredited delegates with power to form some sort of a Supreme Grand Lodge or a Court of Appeal.

He recommended that Grand Lodge make it a regulation that the American flag be displayed as the background of the Master and Wardens' Stations in all Masonic Lodges within the Jurisdiction.

He visited the 63 Lodges in the jurisdiction, occupying 85 days in doing so and travelling over 6,000 miles.

This Grand Lodge has taken steps to establish a library which will be of value to every member of Grand Lodge. It consists of two divisions. The one includes the Proceedings, Codes, Monitors and Constitutions of other Grand Lodges, which are rapidly being bound. These are not catalogued for distribution. The other division includes the circulating library and is made up of volumes interesting to the Masonic as well as the general reader. This division has been catalogued and a pamphlet containing 28 pages has been prepared—a duplicate of the card catalogue in the office—five copies which with application cards were sent to each subordinate Lodge.

The following quotation explains how Idaho Masons are prepared to take care of their Masonic dependents.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund has been placed upon a sound business basis so that the worthy and needy membership will always be beyond the pale of want. This fund was established 47 years ago, by the assessment of 50 cents annually upon each member of the jurisdiction, and a safeguard thrown around it by making it irreducible and permanent. From this beginning the fund has steadily grown until it now boasts more than \$75,000, which is judiciously invested in interest bearing securities and the interest only expended in the relief and care of our indigent Masons, their widows and orphans. The amount thus received from the investments has been found sufficient for the accomplishment of its purposes and is believed by many, both within and without this jurisdiction, to be a more successful plan than that of a Masonic Home. It enables the dependents to remain in their accustomed surroundings and associations instead of being removed to strange homes and changed conditions of life. Particularly with elderly people is this desirable, as in many instances they never become reconciled to the new environments. The operation of this method of relief is proving entirely satisfactory in this Jurisdiction, and thus our dependent members are assured of the care necessary in time of need. The fund will continue to grow and expand year by year and this monument to Idaho Masonry will be one of perpetual splendor and magnificence.

This Grand Lodge has a signet ring which is worn by the Grand Master during his tenure of office and then transmitted to his successor from year to year. This custom was established twenty years ago and is a pleasing ceremony which takes place at the close of each Grand Lodge Convocation.

R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Knepper, Grand Secretary, is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He has just completed his fifteenth annual report which covers 119 closely printed pages. It is one of the most complete reports I have been privileged to read. We hope that he will include Alberta in his next annual.

Number of Lodges, 63; total membership, 4,811; net gain, 222.

John D. Bloomfield, Nampa -----Grand Master

George E. Knepper, Boise -----Grand Secretary

IOWA

The seventy-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Davenport on Tuesday, June 13th, 1916. Frank S. Moses, Grand Master.

As is the custom in most American Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in AMPLE FORM on the Third Degree of Masonry.

Grand Master Moses says:—

“From whatever ancient source we may choose to trace the lineage of our present honorable institution, we find that we may consistently claim Freemasonry to be the oldest and purest type of true democracy. In the teachings of this Society were first and best presented the simple and vital principles of equality before God, liberty in thought, and fraternity in service.”

Three beloved Past Grand Masters passed over into the Eternal East during the year.

With regard to the granting of dispensations for new Lodges, the Grand Master says:—

“I have been very strict in my views as to necessary requirements. In addition to the essential recommendation by the nearest chartered Lodge, I have demanded that of the other contiguous Lodges. I have required that the nominated Master shall have previously been installed as Master or a Warden of some chartered Lodge. I have insisted that the dues adopted by each new Lodge shall be large enough to

cover the fixed charges of the proposed Lodge without the necessity of applying fees received for the degrees to such purpose. To this end, some of these new Lodges have fixed their annual dues as high as \$8.00. I have taken the position that whenever a chartered Lodge has officially recommended the establishment of a proposed new Lodge, I could not consistently consider any objections made thereafter by any member or officer of such Lodge."

The corner-stones of eleven public buildings were laid by the Grand Master or his Deputy. Several of these were public school buildings and the Grand Master took advantage of the opportunity to impress upon the community the positive interest of Freemasonry in upbuilding and maintaining public and non-sectarian education for the youth of our country.

This Grand Lodge is blessed with having within its jurisdiction generous, large hearted Brethren, one of whom left a legacy yielding a net income of about \$2,000 per annum, to the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa leads the way in Masonic Study and Research. By means of illustrated lectures, travelling libraries, and a well supported magazine, they have created an interest in Masonry which it would be well for other Grand Lodges to emulate. It seems to me to be impossible to over-emphasize this part of the duty of leaders in the Craft.

Quoting again from the Grand Master's address:—

I believe that every Lodge in this Jurisdiction contains a few Brothers who have enough business ability and influence with their Brethren to appreciate this proposition and make sure that their Lodge is on a sound basis. Add together your rent or interest, heat, light, janitor, and other paid service, Grand Lodge dues, a certain sum per member for charity account, another certain sum per member for refreshment or entertainment, ascertain what amount of annual dues will fully cover these items, and fix and collect the same. I will venture to assume that if some of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction will follow this suggestion they will be vastly more proud of their membership in that Lodge than they are at present, and the Lodges will eventually become much greater powers for good in their respective communities. The average Mason in Iowa is not a poor man, and a surplus in the Lodge treasury makes a live Lodge. We have too many poverty stricken Lodges made up for the most part of well-to-do members."

This is as it should be:—

"While a participant in the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa and the Grand Council of Iowa, I was specially received and honored as the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, with the announcement that the incumbent of that

distinguished office was justly entitled to premier rank and honor in any and every meeting of Masons of this Jurisdiction."

The Grand Master gives due tribute of praise to all those who loyally "upheld the hands of Moses," during the year.

Brother Louis Block, Past Grand Master, again presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence. It measures up to the excellence of the standard of former years.

Number of Lodges, 526.

Total membership, 53,969.

Net gain, 2,184.

Thomas Arthur, Logan -----Grand Master

Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids -----Grand Secretary

IRELAND

At the Stated Communication of this Grand Lodge held in Dublin on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1916, Sir. Chas. A. Cameron, C.B., M.D., Deputy Grand Master presided owing to the absence of the Grand Master, The Earl of Donoughmore, on Red Cross work in France.

Although the population of Ireland is yearly undergoing a decrease, the number in the Freemasons' Society is steadily increasing. There are now 54 Lodges in the City of Dublin alone.

Concerning the religious and political strife still existing in Ireland, the Deputy Grand Master writes:

The fact referred to by Lord Donoughmore in the House of Lords that the Freemasons are paying for the education of a Roman Catholic girl in a convent, the orphan of a Protestant Freemason—is, I think, evidence enough to show the non-sectarian character of our institution. In the early days of the establishment of the Masonic Institution for orphan girls, a very large proportion of the orphans of the School were Roman Catholics. At that time Roman Catholic members of the Order, especially in the North of Ireland, were sometimes in excess of the Protestants. Therefore, a society that at one time was largely composed of Roman Catholics, is now composed of Protestants of all denominations, of Jews, of Hindoos and Mahommedans, and whose professed principles are non-sectarian and non-political cannot be classed as a political body.

During the Sinn Fein revolt in the City of Dublin the Grand Master while motoring through the City with some friends was fired upon by the rebels and received a bullet wound in the arm which happily proved insignificant.

The following resolution explains itself:

That we, the members of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland, present at a meeting held in Dublin on the 7th day of December, 1916, having heard read a copy of the letter to the Right Hon. H. E. Duke, K.C., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, dated the 17th day of November, 1916, and written by our Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, emphatically endorse the protest therein contained against the proposal to alter the existing law, and thereby to prohibit the admission to our Order of members of the D. M. Police and R. I. Constabulary, and we solemnly declare that the Masonic Order in Ireland is a benevolent, charitable, and social Society only; that it has no connection with any religious or political body; that it contains members of all shades of religious belief and political opinion; and that both by its principles and in its practice controversial subjects of a religious or political character are strictly excluded from discussion at all meetings of the Order.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Right Hon. the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant."

MILITARY LODGES

Two of our Military Lodges, the "Quis Separabit," No. 595, attached to the 5th Royal Irish Lancers, and the "Pioneer," attached to the 16th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles, have held their meetings "somewhere in France" throughout the year, occasionally in comparatively safe quarters at the base, but, at other times in half ruined houses at the front. The following paragraph appeared in the "Northern Whig," of 5th October:

UNIQUE MASONIC MEETING

An officer of the 16th R.I.R., writing to a Lurgan friend, says:—The Regimental Masonic Lodge of the Pioneers held two successful meetings in a large two-storied farm house within their billeting area, and only a couple of miles from the German front line. The building had been shelled a short time previously, and not a whole pane of glass remained in the house. This, however, was soon remedied, and did not interfere with the business of the meeting. Business was transacted to the music of the big gun fire, the hum of aeroplanes, and bursting of Hun*shells. It is perhaps the first time that Masonic Brethren had to meet in Lodge fully armed and equipped with their gas helmets, as some of the members had on this occasion to do. A good many visiting Brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting under so unique circumstances, some coming long distances to do so.

MASONIC INCIDENTS OF THE WAR

A pleasing incident in connection with the war took place in Holland in the early part of the year. Amongst the men of the British Naval Brigade who were captured and interned in Holland were a number of Masons to whom our Dutch Brethren showed a good deal of kindness. They conceived the idea of forming a Lodge at the Internment Camp at Groningen, and applied to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands for a Charter of Constitution. This was granted under the title of "Gastvryheid," No. 113 with permission to conduct the Ceremonies in the English language and in accordance with the English ritual, and was duly constituted by that Grand Lodge.

INQUIRIES RESPECTING CANDIDATES

During the year a member of a Dublin Lodge was suspended from the Order for a period of six months for a breach of Masonic confidence under circumstances which are happily rare. He was the proposer of a Candidate whose name, after having passed the Lodge, was duly submitted to the Metropolitan Committee of Inspection for approval. At such meetings it is customary to discuss the merits of the Candidate with absolute freedom, relying on the honor and prudence of those present to preserve the utmost discretion respecting the discussion. In the case in question it was found that the Candidate himself was fully informed not only of statements made respecting him, but the name of the individual who made them. Such an occurrence could not be allowed to pass unnoticed, as there would be no check on the admission of Candidates if confidential information could not be given at the Committee without the risk of disclosure.

The reports of the Provincial Deputy Grand Masters contain very interesting information:

Dr. J. D. Williamson, Prov. D.G.M., of the Province of Down writes:

With regard to the charitable side of the work—a number of Sunday Services were held during the year—at which a liberal response was made on behalf of our Charities. As the result of a special service instituted by the Ballymacarrett District Committee, the handsome sum of over £700 was raised for charities, £400 of which has been allocated to the Masonic War Fund (making the contribution from the Masonic Province of Down £1,000), and the balance to the Down Masonic Widows' Fund. The special thanks of the P.G.L. were given to the Committee for their energy in achieving this record result.

Charles J. Lane, Prov. Grand Sec. of the Province of Munster writes:

Masonry in this Province has flourished during the past year, and considering the large number of Brethren who are

on active service, the various communications have been well attended.

Since the commencement of the War this Province, in conjunction with that of North Munster, have equipped two complete ambulances for service in France, and we are glad to say that from the reports received of the work done by them, we are able to feel that we have materially contributed towards relieving the sufferings of a large number of wounded soldiers.

Philip Snell, P.G. Sec. of the Province of North Munster writes:

Over one-third of the members of the Province have joined the colors, some of them have unfortunately appeared in the Roll of Honor, several have been promoted for Distinguished Service in the field, while many have won the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and a very large number of their sons and other near relatives are in the fighting line, of whom many have given up their lives for King and Country.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

The Earl of Donoughmore, Dublin -----Grand Master

H. E. Flavell, Dublin -----Deputy Grand Secretary

KENTUCKY

The one hundred and sixteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened on Oct. 17th, 1916, at the City of Louisville. T. J. Adams, Grand Master.

Four dispensations were granted to Subordinate Lodges to appear in public and assist the Grand Master in laying the corner stones of public buildings.

Six dispensations were issued for the dedication of Masonic Halls. Why necessary to issue dispensations for such purposes?

Thirty pages of closely printed matter are required to report the seventy-seven questions submitted and answers given by the Grand Master. We include the following:—

Question. At a recent meeting of our Lodge our Worshipful Master opened the Lodge of Master Masons, and after the transaction of the regular business, reading the minutes, etc., closed the Lodge in due form, and then opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentices and initiated a candidate for this degree and closed the Entered Apprentice Lodge. Now, was

this correct, or should he, after he completed the business in the Master's Degree, have called off and opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree and conferred the Degree, then closed, and then called to labor and closed a Master Mason's Lodge?

Answer. The Master has entire discretion as to when he shall close his Lodge on any Degree. If there was no further business to transact in the Master Mason's Lodge, there was no reason why it should not be closed before opening an Entered Apprentice Lodge. However, as some business might thereafter have arisen, it would have been better to have called to refreshment on the Master Mason's degree and have called back to labor after closing the Entered Apprentice Degree. After a Master Mason's Lodge has once been closed at a stated meeting it cannot again be opened until the next stated communication for the transaction of any business that can only be acted upon at a stated meeting.

Question. Can the petition of an unnaturalized resident be received by a Masonic Lodge, provided he has been a resident of the Jurisdiction of the Lodge the required time?

Answer. Yes.

Question. If a Brother objects to a dimitted Mason visiting the Lodge, must he state his reason?

Answer. A member of a Lodge has a right to object to a dimitted Mason visiting the Lodge, and his motive cannot be inquired into.

Question. Can the Master of a Lodge call any Master Mason in the Lodge to the East to preside?

Answer. The Master of a Lodge can call any Master Mason to the Chair, and his acts are legal, provided the Master remains in the Lodge room.

Question. Has a Fellow Craft a right to demand that charges be preferred against him because he was denied advancement?

Answer. No.

Grand Master Adams made 96 visits to 80 Lodges during the year.

The following remarks should be taken to heart by every Masonic Lodge wheresoever situated:—

“My attention has been called to the fact that in many Lodges the dues are insufficient to meet the current expenses, such as rent, fuel, salaries of Secretary and Tyler, stationery, etc., and that in such cases they depend on fees

for the degrees to make up the deficit. This custom might create a temptation to open the door of Freemasonry to men who, if not known to be unworthy, are yet lacking in those elements which should constitute true Masonic manhood. It seems very clear to me that the annual dues in all cases should be sufficiently high to cover all regular and legitimate expenses of the Lodge, and any fund accruing from fees or other sources should be reserved for assisting worthy distressed Brethren, their widows, and orphans, and other laudable undertakings. I trust that the Grand Lodge will carefully consider this matter, as it seems to me of primary importance."

Concerning the Homes maintained by this Grand Lodge the Grand Master says:—

"The Old Masons' Home is located on a beautiful blue-grass farm of 165 acres and there is not a better improved farm in Shelby County. There are fifty residents in the Home.

The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is dear to every Mason in Kentucky. The very mention of the name causes the pulse to quicken, the eye to brighten, yea to moisten. It contains those nearest and dearest to hearts which have long ceased to beat. It throws out its protecting wings to those who know not how soon one beloved of them may seek shelter thereunder. We have in the Home at this writing 26 widows, 152 girls and 183 boys, making a total of 361 residents. The daily average attendance for the year, which closed August 31, was 346.6. The cost per capita for maintaining the Home during the past year was \$135.33, which is met by an annual contribution of seventy-five cents per member. Our Home, I am happy to say, still stands pre-eminent among all the institutions of our country for careful conscientious and successful management."

A resolution to divide the grand Jurisdiction into five districts and have the Grand Junior Warden selected in rotation from one of these districts was presented, but ruled out of order by the Deputy Grand Master who was then presiding.

The interesting report on Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Wm. W. Clarke, P.G.M.

Number of Lodges, 597.

Total membership, 44,437.

Net gain, 1,050.

James N. Saunders, Stanford -----Grand Master

Dave Jackson, Louisville -----Grand Secretary

MANITOBA

The forty-first annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened on June 14, 1916 in the city of Winnipeg. William Fenwick, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opened his address with these stirring words:

As loyalty to King and Country is a Masonic maxim it is thus becoming that reference here may be made to the great military struggle in which the British Empire is engaged. From reports that have been received it would seem that her foes assumed that the United Kingdom was decadent, that disaffection permeated the Empire, and that disintegration would be the inevitable result of a big display of armed force. Little did they dream that their war torch would reveal the British Empire resplendent in its loyalty and devotion to the noblest ideals and traditions of the Anglo-Saxon and standing in peerless solidarity to defend a priceless birth-right—the democratic principles or bulwarks of the British body politic—to attain which our forefathers fought and bled. Who has the assurance to express in words the extent of the miseries caused by this war? Never, perhaps, in the history of the world has there been greater need for Divine inspiration and guidance and the subordination of selfish propensities, and never has there been greater need or opportunity for Free Masons to demonstrate their sincerity and worth by co-operating as a whole in ungrudging sacrifice in the cause of suffering humanity, and in unswerving allegiance to the sublime principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth and Charity—which ever strongly appeal to the finer intuitions.

Last year this Grand Lodge forwarded the sum of \$5,000.00 to aid the Canadian Volunteer Field Hospital Contingent

This year, ending June, 1916, an appeal for a contribution of at least One Dollar per member was made by the Grand Master, and as a result \$4,000.00 has been collected.

Later it was resolved that the Finance Committee be empowered to supplement the donations to the War, Relief Fund, to increase the total grant to the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and that no sum be set apart for travelling expenses of Grand Lodge Officers other than the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Secretary.

A dispensation was granted by the Grand Master to initiate a petitioner who had lost his right leg; an artificial one enabled him (unassisted by a cane) to kneel, move about freely, and generally to attend to his business affairs.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary attended the ten district meetings held during the year and rendered valuable assistance in making them a success.

He presented an excellent report as Grand Librarian. An annual grant of Fifty dollars was made by Grand Lodge for the purchase of books.

The following books were purchased by the Committee last year:

Masonic Parliamentary Law, by Mackey.
The Builders, by Joseph F. Newton.
The Traditions, Origin and Early History of Freemasonry, by A. T. C. Pierson.
Antiquities of Freemasonry, by Oliver.
The Spirit of Masonry, by William Hutchison.
Signs and Symbols, by Oliver.
History of Initiation, by Oliver.
A Concise History of Freemasonry, by Oliver.
Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry, by Oliver.

An annual donation of ninety dollars from the six blue Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple was expended in the purchase of reading matter for the reading room.

The Board of General Purposes held six meetings during the year, with an average attendance of twelve. Among other matters, they discussed, an improvement in the method of balloting at Grand Lodge; the indexing of the rulings of the Past Grand Masters; physical qualification of candidates; greater study and research among members, etc.

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence presented its first review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges which covers 16 pages.

The following introductory paragraphs explain their purpose:

It has not been the custom of your Committee to submit a review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. These reports are replete with lofty thoughts, high ideals and practical suggestions. To have the privilege of reading them is at once to receive a new vision of the boundless scope of Masonic activities and to become conscious of our own failure to serve our fellow citizens to the measure of our power.

In place of the practice of many Foreign Correspondence Committees of reporting in detail on each Grand Lodge report, your Committee has culled from many reports such matter as possesses the greatest value in suggestion, encouragement and inspiration and now presents it in such form as it is hoped will enlist the interest of every member of Grand Lodge.

The purpose of a correspondence report, as your Committee understand it, should be to afford information to the membership as to what is transpiring in the Masonic world outside the particular Jurisdiction for which the report is made. Some Grand Lodges expressly forbid criticism of

the doings of other Grand Lodges and with this attitude your Committee would be inclined to agree. They believe if such a report tell the Brethren of the work of Masonry throughout the world, what it means and what it stands for according to the interpretation of thinking Masons, it cannot help but inspire us to keep in the van of progress. Despite what we may say or think as to Masonry being an unchanging institution, it is a human institution and cannot help but be influenced by the march of human progress. The world is moving and Masonry is moving with it. M.W. Bro. Block of Iowa says regarding this: "Does the local Mason need this information? Most assuredly, for the Mason who knows only his own Masonry is like the business man who knows nothing more than his own personal, private and peculiar methods, who never studies the operations of his associates and competitors, and whose business for that reason, sooner or later dies of stagnation and dry rot."

Your Committee venture to hope that their brief and somewhat meagre report of these conditions in other jurisdictions will meet sufficiently with the approval of this Grand Lodge as to lead to its being an established custom hereafter for Grand Lodge at its regular Annual Communications to have a comprehensive review of the conditions and progress of Masonry throughout the world at large presented for its consideration.

Merely to have these reports read and filed will not preserve us from stagnation or dry rot. In reviewing the proceedings of other jurisdictions, certain features have impressed themselves so strongly upon the minds of your Committee that they felt they would be neglectful of their duty did they not bring these definitely to the attention of this Grand Lodge by making definite recommendations. It is hoped these recommendations will be referred, each to the Committee of the Board of General Purposes that should properly deal with it, with the request that the Committee report such resolutions as will, when adopted, carry their recommendations into effect.

1. Number of Lodges, 77; total membership, 7,241; net decrease,

Henry E. Fletcher, Winnipeg -----Grand Master

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg -----Grand Secretary

MICHIGAN

The Seventy-Second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge opened at Battle Creek, Michigan, on May 23, 1916. George L. Lusk, Grand Master.

In the opening paragraph of his annual address the Grand Master says:—

“The year has been greatly fruitful and prosperous—our net gain is unparalleled—attendance on the call of the Grand Lecturer phenomenal—new Lodges and new temples, and more in prospect—urban Lodges thriving, and city Lodges overwhelmed.

Everywhere evidence of Masonic recognition—trust in, and respect for the craft; everywhere confidence and hope.”

The per capita cost per resident in the Michigan Masonic Home is \$4.71 per week. The total membership of the Home on May 1st, 1916, was 86, of which number 36 are women and 50 men.

Under the heading of Forward Movements, the Grand Master writes thus:—

“It has been the pleasure of the Grand Master to address Lodges on some particular topic of a Masonic nature. City of the Straits Lodge sets a fine example in conducting every year a sort of Masonic Chautauqua, and giving their members the benefit of addresses of an historical and inspirational character. A movement of this nature is noted in other jurisdictions where regular lecture courses are arranged by Lodges at nominal cost. This policy could be generally established in this Jurisdiction and would certainly be alike creditable and helpful to Lodges and the Brethren.”

This Grand Lodge has under consideration an amendment to their constitution, dealing with the subject of the physical qualification which a candidate should possess in order to make him eligible to receive the degrees. The matter was considered to be of much importance and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence with instructions to report thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

The services of Bro. Frank of Gilbert, Grand Lecturer are evidently very highly appreciated, as Grand Lodge increased his annual allowance from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The following is a portion of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, of the State of Michigan:—

The Grand Secretary shall also be ex-officio a Committee on Correspondence and it shall be his duty to examine the correspondence and reports from other Grand Jurisdictions in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The Committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings as well as promulgating the opinion of the Committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge.

The thirteenth annual review was presented by Bro. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

Total number of Lodges, 436; Number of members, 82,551; Net gain, 3,694.

John H. Hawkins, Lansing -----Grand Master

Lou B. Winsor, Reed City -----Grand Secretary

NEBRASKA

The fifty-ninth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Omaha on June 6, 1916.

Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Master.

There were representatives present from 254 out of a total of 267 Chartered Lodges.

Grand Master Whiting takes a very active interest in the Masonic Home. He says:

In accordance with the instructions given to the Committee one year ago there has been erected on the grounds at Fremont, at the cost of over \$12,000.00, a substantial cottage for the girls, who occupied it at the beginning of the year. This sum, in addition to that heretofore appropriated, makes a total invested by the Grand Lodge of \$17,000.00.

There were eleven girls and two small boys at the Home at Fremont, and nine boys at the Home at Plattsmouth on May 1st of this year. The children's ages vary from four to sixteen years. The children of school age are attending the public schools and are doing well. Their standing in the several grades equals that of the other children in the same classes, while some of them are at the head of their respective grades.

At 12 o'clock of the first day, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until o'clock p.m. to enable the members of Grand Lodge and their lady friends to take a special train to Plattsmouth for the purpose of visiting the Nebraska Masonic Home. Everyone seemed to be delighted with their trip and the management of the Home.

The Grand Master made the following decisions:

1. A Lodge room cannot be legally dedicated, if it is occupied by other bodies, unless they are auxiliary bodies.

2. A Candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of Masonry.

3. I decided that a petition, received February 15th, 1916, could not be acted upon at the next regular meeting, March 14, 1916, the law requiring petitions to lie over one lunar month.

Recognition was denied the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France by this Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Jas. W. Ehrhardt, Chairman. Alberta, 1915, receives brief mention.

Number of Lodges, 267; number of members, 23,664; net gain, 1,359.

Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk -----Grand Master

Francis E. White, Omaha -----Grand Secretary

NEW BRUNSWICK

The forty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was opened in the city of St. John, April 25, 1916. Hedley V. B. Bridges, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master contains a complete statement of his official acts and visitations during the year. He concludes his address with these words:

In my report of last year appears the statement that "the voice of Freemasonry has ever been the voice of peace." It may be well for a moment to refer, in this respect, to the reports of the expression of opinions of Freemasons in several of the great countries now engaged in war. In his most interesting work "The Arcana of Freemasonry" published last year, Brother Albert Churchward of England, deals admirably with this matter. Some years ago a large body of Masons in England meeting with Brethren from the United States, expressed most decided sentiments. With one acclaim, came the decision of all that then or ever should there be no war between these two great nations.

The Brethren of the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and the French colonies, having acknowledged their belief in the Supreme Architect of the

Universe, have been accepted as Masons by the Grand Lodge of England. The French Lodges, it is known have been centres for the propagation of the principles of a universal peace, and there can be no doubt that both the English and French Brethren were anxious for universal peace. There is record, also, not so long ago, of a meeting in London of English, French and German Grand Representatives all professing the same universal sentiments of peace and good will, the German Brethren, particularly, expressing the wish for closer ties. Whether or not this was, at that time, a sane expression of the feelings of the Prussian Grand Lodges may be judged by the following resolution, presented by the three Prussian Grand Masters at the Annual Diet of the Union of Grand Lodges of Germany, held at Frankfurst, 31st May, 1914.

"that the activities of Masonic organizations must be limited in these matters to education of their members in the spirit of Freemasonry. Any other mode of activity would result in political tendencies, to which Masonry, by the terms of its fundamental principles, must remain foreign."

"It does not, therefore, belong to the domain of Masonry to support directly the modern pacific movement called Pacificism. Therefore, this Diet of Grand Lodges invites the German Grand Lodges and Masonic organizations to abstain from expressing an opinion in favor of Pacificism."

It is well worth noting that the proposition was opposed by the five non-Prussian Grand Lodges. The Prussian Grand Masters then thought fit to forbid the Lodges under their several jurisdictions any further official participation in the International Masonic Conference then being held.

For some time past the three Prussian Grand Masters have been men of high official positions, and, therefore, share in the secrets of the high councils of the Empire. They required no prophetic provision to note for them what the future held in store. They therefore opposed among German Lodges, the cultivation of sentiments of universal peace.

But if this teaches us anything, it teaches that there should be no discords or divisions amongst us and that harmony should prevail. It has been well said that ours is the greatest charity in the world, and this can only have the freest expression when unity of sentiment and action exists among us in daily life. For it is the action of the individual Mason, both outside the Lodge and within that will raise the fraternity.

Freemasonry has made much progress among us during the last fifty years. Even within the last few years a greater enthusiasm and a higher standard has asserted itself, so that the outlook for the future of the Craft is bright.

We believe that Masonry is an organization of strong and sturdy men who are striving, by the aid of Divine light, to act upon the square, to uphold the heaven of truth and to walk uprightly before God and man.

More solemnly today, comes home to us, as part of the teachings of this war and its tragedies, that Masonry is a life of duty, of service.

For I cannot but feel that each individual Mason is learning the lesson, as Canada, as the Great Empire to which we belong is learning, through pain and peril, through dire distress and danger, through the dreary night watches, in the awful wearying; Ay! in the loss of life itself, a fuller realization of the words of the Divine Master.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Fund for Benevolent purposes in this Grand Lodge amounts to over \$16,000. Eleven applications for assistance were received and aid amounting to \$585 was granted.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported that—"In view of the harmony which prevails and the admitted regularity of the proceedings attending its organization they would recommend that this Grand Lodge extend a cordial recognition to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands with an assurance of our interest in its important works and our best wishes for its continuance and prosperity."

This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The reports sent in by the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred back to the Grand Master with the view of having such portions printed in the Proceedings he might deem advisable.

In this Grand Lodge the Grand Master appoints to office the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Masters as well as the usual subordinate officers of Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 36; membership, 3,768; increase during the year, 101.

This Grand Lodge will celebrate during 1917, the fiftieth anniversary of its existence. During that time it has had eighteen Grand Masters.

Hedley V. B. Bridges, Fredericton, re-elected Grand Master for the fourth successive year.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John -----Grand Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The one hundred and twenty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Concord on May 17th, 1916. Stephen S. Jewett, Grand Master.

Two special communications, besides a semi-annual and a General Lodge of Instruction were held during the year.

The Annual address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared account of the transactions and doings of the year. There is, however, very little of interest to Masons outside of this Grand Jurisdiction. Financially and numerically this Grand Lodge has had a prosperous year. An earnest appeal was made by the Grand Master for additional funds to meet the increasing demands of their Masonic Home.

Steps are being taken to suitably recognize the name and worth of Dr. John Sullivan, First Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, which was organized at Portsmouth, July 8th, A.L. 5789.

Visitors to Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction must present to the Examining Committee their diploma issued to them by their Grand Lodge, before the Committee is allowed to proceed with the examination.

The Seven District Deputy Grand Masters presented interesting reports of their official actions.

Much of the success of the year depends upon the earnestness and faithfulness of these officials.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., presented his tenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence. It is replete with interesting information, judiciously selected by a Brother of wide experience. May he be long spared to continue the good work.

Number of Lodges, 80; total membership, 11,058; net increase, 148.

George E. Bales, Wilton -----Grand Master

Harry M. Cheney, Concord -----Grand Secretary

 NEW SOUTH WALES

The twenty-eighth annual report of this Grand Lodge contains the proceedings of the four regular quarterly communications and two special communications held during the Masonic year. Grand Master Wm. Thompson presiding.

This Grand Lodge is in an excellent financial condition. Their books show on hand:

Grand Lodge Funds -----	£ 20,170
Temple Fund -----	12,678
Benevolent Fund -----	32,747
Freemasons' Orphan Society -----	36,310
Freemasons' Benevolent Institution -----	20,923
Grand Master's War Fund -----	4,765

The Territory of this Grand Lodge is divided into Metropolitan and 26 Country Districts under Inspectors who present Quarterly Reports of their work.

The Grand Master, after mentioning the places and dates of several visits made by him says:

All these Lodges are the owners of handsome well built Temples, devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes, and most lavishly furnished, largely by gifts from individual members. The work throughout these Lodges was of the highest possible standard, the most absolute harmony exists and steady progress is being made.

Concerning dispensations he states:

A great many dispensations have been granted during the quarter for the wearing of regalia, but these, I regret to say, were almost wholly for Masonic funerals. In this regard I have always acted strictly upon the precedent laid down in this Grand Lodge that the regalia must be worn only within the Cemetery gates, as I am strongly opposed to any public procession of Masons clothed with the badges of the Order. I have found it necessary in pursuance of this precedent to admonish one W.M. for permitting regalia to be worn in the streets, but I am quite convinced he erred from want of knowledge and the circumstances were such as to render my admonition sufficient action in the matter. I trust that this rule will be strictly observed by our Brethren in future.

Obligation of Candidates.—In reading the present report for this Communication of Grand Lodge, I note that one of the District Inspectors of Workings has reported an innovation by the Master of one of the Lodges in his District in obligating candidates upon V. of S.L., which are afterwards presented to them.

I have had occasion to stop this practice in three Lodges where it came under my personal observation.

There is only one V. of S.L. upon which all Candidates should be obligated, and that is the G.L. lying open upon the Altar. There is something especially sacred to the thoughtful Mason in the Lodge V. of S.L., and one of the most pleasing sentiments regarding it is the fact that every Candidate who has seen the light of Freemasonry, and every newly installed Worshipful Master has pledged his faith upon its holy pages.

The Roll of Honor of this Grand Lodge contained on September 8, 1915 the names of 627 active Brethren engaged with the expeditionary forces and 28 who have been reported killed at the Dardanelles. Many names have doubtless been added since that date.

The Grand Master pays this eloquent tribute to Lord Kitchener:

I cannot allow this occasion to pass without recording the sincerest regrets of the Grand Lodge upon the passing away of this great man. We had learnt to regard the very name of Kitchener as synonymous with the might, majesty and power of the British arms, and, shocked by his untimely death, we felt as if the very foundations of the Empire itself were crumbling. In the annals of the British Empire his name will ever be emblazoned in letters of gleaming gold as the silent strong man who, in our darkest hour of difficulty, evolved order out of chaos, and created almost by magic the magnificent army of four million men now fighting the battle for freedom and for liberty. He was Grand Warden of England in 1895; District Grand Master of Egypt and the Soudan in 1889, and District Grand Master of the Punjaub in 1902. His famous message to his soldiers breathed the true spirit of Freemasonry; and his untiring efforts to promote amongst them our great principles of Temperance, Sobriety and Morality were an evidence that he ever had before him the high ideals of our glorious Institution. Many of us were privileged to meet him in Sydney some six years ago, and will ever treasure the memory of that great occasion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present an admirable report. The work of reviewing the proceedings of Sister Lodges is divided amongst its members.

Total number of Lodges, 263; membership, 22,465, being an increase of 959 during the year.

William Thompson -----Grand Master

Arthur H. Bray -----Grand Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The twenty-seventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the City of Auckland commencing on Wednesday, May 10, 1916. John J. Dougall, Grand Master, presiding.

He concludes his brief address with these words:

"Another matter—not a very pleasant one—to which he desired to make reference, added the M.W. Grand Master, was the circular which he had issued during the year asking the

Lodges to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquor during the war. He was not a Prohibitionist, but at the same time he was not going to take back one solitary paragraph of the appeal he had issued. He had been subjected to a certain amount of approbrium, and an attack had been made upon him in the "Craftsman." He had also received postcards which contained a slander on Freemasonry. He would like to ask the Brethren whether they considered it fair that the letter which appeared in the "Craftsman" should have been issued anonymously. He had stated in Canterbury that he would not touch a drop of liquor in Lodge or attend a Lodge where it was used, and he repeated that statement in Grand Lodge. It might restrict his usefulness in Freemasonry, but he could not help that. The M.W. Grand Master spoke of what had been done in Russia and elsewhere in the matter of alcoholic forbearance during the war, and expressed the conviction that we as Freemasons should take the stand he suggested in the interests of Freemasonry and of the Nation."

This Grand Lodge has established a Special War Benevolent Fund and on June 1, 1916, had the creditable sum of £8,973 1s. 11d on hand. An interesting discussion took place as the best method of distributing this fund and the Committee were instructed to frame special rules for the management of the fund.

After the installation of Bro. Oliver Nicholson as Grand Master for the ensuing year, he delivered a very practical address. He said:

We are in the midst of an epoch-making period, and the Masonic world must keep pace with the march of events. Our opportunity is here, and the time is ripe for action! As our fair Dominion has set an example to the world in many matters of social reform, so I enjoin you as Brethren owing allegiance to its governing Masonic body to give to the Masonic world an example of a higher conception of the mission and message of Masonry that has hitherto been exhibited. It has been said that one apparent result from this great war has been the revival of the spirit of religion amongst the people. May we not then hope that another result will be the awakening of the Brethren to a truer sense of their duty and their responsibilities not only to the Craft, but to their fellow creatures? I trust that you will ponder over these few remarks, and go forth from this hall determined to commence a new era of Masonic activity and to live the life required by our institution. Then, and then only will you be fulfilling your duties as Masons, and through your conduct the world will see a more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes, and more righteous lives, and be convinced that the design of Masonry is no idle dream.

A motion was introduced to allow the Grand Lodge Communication to lapse next year. It was pointed out that about £1,000 would be saved if the Annual Communication were not held and this could be devoted to the war relief fund. After considerable discussion the mover withdrew his resolution.

Total number of Lodges, 201; membership, 13,622; a net gain of 115.

Oliver Nicholson, Auckland -----Grand Master

Malcolm Niccol, Auckland -----Grand Secretary

NEVADA

The fifty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge opened at Reno, on June 13, 1916. Benj. W. Coleman, Grand Master.

In his annual address, the Grand Master refers at length to the presence and influence of a lecturer of note in the State who took the position that any subject which affects the welfare of mankind is proper for discussion in, and consideration by, a Masonic Lodge. He says in part:

There is a proper place and time for everything, but in my opinion the time will never come when a Masonic Lodge will be the proper place to discuss or consider any question save such as may effect the welfare of our Fraternity.

To my mind the great mission of Masonry is to promote the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and to minister to the wants of the needy Brethren, their widows and orphans. I know of no better way of promoting the principles of Masonry than by:

"Lifting the fallen brother up,
Sweetening the draught in the bitter cup,
Heeding the orphan's plaintive cry,
Wiping the tears from sorrow's eye."

If we can do this work and do it faithfully and effectively, we will have accomplished more than is possible for us to accomplish by undertaking to formulate governmental policies, for the moment we launch out upon this new undertaking we will be hopelessly divided.

Masonry has been the great universal sanctuary for ages for all honorable men who believe in a Supreme Being, regardless of other considerations, but if the idea of this lecturer is to find favor at our hands the day will have dawned for the passing of our beloved Order from the high station which it has attained. Men are so constituted that they cannot see things alike, and to permit a discussion of burning issues in a Masonic Lodge will disrupt the Fraternity.

I appeal to you my Brethren, to put your stamp of disapproval upon this twentieth century heresy, and to rally to the defence of our Institution, whose altar is the shrine around which all mankind may gather, to forget for a time

the bustle and hurly-burly of life, and to maintain Masonry as its founders intended that it should be, and what its teachings proclaim it to be—the great haven of refuge, where by the spirit of brotherly love, uninfluenced by passion and prejudice, we may be enabled to see more clearly the worth and merits of our fellow man, ever remembering that:

"The world wants men, large-hearted, manly men,
Men who will join its chorus and prolong
Its psalm of labor and its song of love.
The age needs heroes—heroes who will dare
To struggle in the serried ranks of Truth—
To clutch the monster Error by the throat,
To bear opinion to a loftier seat,
To blot the error of oppression out,
And lead a universal freedom in."

He advocates the publication of a Masonic Magazine by the General Grand Lodges of the United States, which formation he also favors.

Grand Lodge, however, passed the following resolution presented by the Committee on address of Grand Master:

"We recommend that the Grand Master attend the gathering. . . and oppose the formation of any General Grand Masonic Body."

The Committee on Masonic Home presented a very complete report on the relative merits of caring for the indigent at home and among friends, or in a Home erected and maintained for that purpose. Lack of space forbids our quoting in full.

The following paragraphs indicate the line of argument:

"Charity we shall always need, as we shall always need knowledge, and charity can never cease to be an active, cardinal virtue. Yet, will Masonry need the full panopied institutions to protect and aid its poor, the vast machinery, the enormous sums segregated to care for the handful that are left stranded by the tide of fortune that we find today, only 2,250 out of a Masonic population of 2,157,225?" (Or about one dependent for every 1,000 Masons). "It would seem that \$4,745,284 (only grand Lodges are now considered which have homes) to carry on the work, though lofty and ideal, represents too great an effort for the results obtained, and lacks that ingredient necessity which makes all work a success." (The amount averages \$2,200 for each person cared for.)

"Though it be one out of a million who needs our aid, give it to him, open-handed and generously, but why use leaden beams where aluminum will answer as well? Why load one sack with stones to balance the grain which the other contains? Does not every Masonic Home stand as a monument, not alone to the generosity of our Order, but

to the failure of those who are sheltered by it? Is there not some other way to aid our unfortunate Brother than to put him in a gilded house, to be gazed at by curious eyes, as some creature to be wondered at, and to be pitied; some quieter way where self-respect will not be laid in the dust, and every object that tends to comfort be labeled with the name charity; a way more unostentatious, more in accord with the Sermon on the Mount, and at the same time with less burden upon those through whom aid will come."

A very striking comparison between the individualistic and the institutional methods of relief is given in this article. The Grand Lodge of Iowa lays aside 12½ per cent. of its gross receipts each year, as a relief fund. In 1907, with a membership of 37,838 Masons, the Grand Lodge gave assistance to forty-three persons, at an expense of \$4,906. Compare this with the O. E. S. Home, which had in 1907, only twelve inmates, maintained at a cost of \$2,700. The Home represents an investment of \$44,000, which would have produced at seven per cent., a fair interest taking into account repairs and deterioration, a sum of \$3,080. It cost \$5,780 to care for a dozen people by the institutional method, as against \$4,906 to relieve the need of forty-three people by the individual method. An interesting commentary on this report of Brother Thompson is that while North Dakota created a Home Fund in 1902, in 1908 this money was turned into the "Masonic Relief Fund," devoted to individual relief.

The huge proportions of the Masonic Home charity are forced upon the attention by consideration of the sums of money involved. There are thirty-one Masonic Homes, financed by 1,136,080 Masons, whose contributions in 1914-1915 were \$838,538.00. The total investment is \$5,969,036.00. Twenty-one Jurisdictions have endowment funds totaling \$5,891,829.00. Here is a grand total of capital tied up for the maintenance of institutional charity of \$11,860,865, an amount which would produce at 6 per cent. an income of \$711,651.90, were it all in fluid shape. Comparing this with the \$637,056 expended for the maintenance of the homes, it will be seen that the mere interest on the capital would almost care for the 3,588 dependents who are cared for at present in institutions. A little figuring will show that before anyone of these dependents could be cared for, it was necessary to invest an average of \$3,305.70. In addition to that there must be raised annually an average per capita of \$250. It is no wonder that the Correspondence Report of South Carolina, 1912, remarks: "Masonic Homes are expensive hobbies, and the interest on the money spent in their erection would go a long way in supporting necessitous Masons, their wives, widows and orphans." The amount invested in plant alone, exclusive of any endowment, ranges from about \$550.00 in Mississippi to \$3,350.00 in Delaware. Just this phase of the question alone, the cost of plant, building, and equipment, with the probable number of beneficiaries, ought to be carefully estimated before any definite steps are taken to accumulate a fund."

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

No association of men inculcates love of and devotion to one's Country as does Freemasonry. Prompting obedience to its laws, to the support and defence of its existence, rights and institutions, and encouraging the promotion of the welfare of its people, and, in its great love for humanity, of all peoples whithersoever dispersed.

Now, therefore, in annual communication assembled, on this date, June 14, 1916, Flag Day, in commemoration of the day on which, in 1777, Congress proclaimed the Stars and Stripes the flag of the American Nation, be it,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase an American flag for the use of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and that every Constituent Lodge within the Jurisdiction forthwith acquire a flag of these United States for display in the East at every communication.

This Grand Lodge has rendered assistance to five students at the State University and has given substantial aid to the work of the Y.W.C.A., at the University.

The annual address of Bro. L. B. Thomas, Grand Orator on The Trowel is reported in full on the proceedings.

We quote his concluding paragraph:

Let us begin to use the Trowel. Let us use it in our Lodges, to join in closer fellowship the Brothers, now sometimes divided by misunderstandings. Let us use it in the Craft, to heal the breaches between Grand Lodges. Let us use it to intensify American patriotism. And then—then let us extend its use to unify the nations and races of the world; to extend, expand, universalize the harmony, the peace, the brotherliness which will be the consummate glory of humanity. Fifty years ago, these United States were engaged in an effort to gain a national unity, to realize in national sentiment a principle which had for half a century been affirmed in our Constitution. That task came after a great conflict in which thousands of men gave up their lives and in which tens of thousands of men and women went into the gateways of the Hell of anguish, pain and grief. Out of that torment came a finer nationalism than we had ever known before, a grander harmony. Today, the world is in the birth-pangs of a new world-unity. Out of this tragic and titanic struggle must come a finer world-life. It is not possible to anticipate an end to this conflict which shall not recognize and acknowledge and insist upon the oneness of the human race, at any rate, of the white race. Out of the hatred and death must come the conviction that no nation lives unto itself alone. Even in this slaughter and this moral confusion, God is working His purpose out, His purpose of Human Brotherhood. This is my faith, and Masonry, this Fraternity of Builders, has the high calling of being co-worker with God in the task of being the wielder of the trowel which shall

spread the binding sentiment of friendly fellowship. Masonry itself is a League to Enforce Peace. Why should not all the energy within the Fraternity be expended to further the cause of such an association? Let us work at our craft. Have we not labored long enough in the quarries, hewing, shaping, smoothing—puttering around with maul and chisel? Shall we not now, now when so many destructive forces are loosed upon civilization—shall we not now begin to build, to lay one stone upon another, to knit them one to another in a harmony indestructible to rear tier on tier the Temple of Human Brotherhood, builded of men out of every nation and tongue and people, dedicated to the cause of international peace, and consecrated to the sincere worship and service of Almighty God.

“Come, clear the way, then clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran;
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for man.”

One of the most comprehensive and inspiring articles on Freemasonry which it has been my privilege to read was written by E. D. Vanderlieth, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

We quote in full:

Meet it is that new thought should stir us lest we rust in ease. We are born to grow. A continuity of growth is found in philosophy, science, art, literature, religion, and in Masonry. Progress is the law of life, and if we stand for an advancement to a nobler future for the Craft, we must keep ourselves in touch with the world within and without us, and recognize that real constructive work for the good of all mankind is necessary.

The new thought in Masonry today is the growing interest that Masons are taking in education. Education is the exercise and development of the powers of the mind, culminating in the knowledge of how to make the best use of the whole of one's self. Freemasonry has stood for this from its inception in 1717, and we find it in all the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Mysteries and kindred schools that have crystalized in our Fraternity. In the past we have treasured it largely as a proud possession, and in our ritual we speak it trippingly on the tongue. Let us rejoice that today we are putting it into practice, and that, under the banner of Light, we, as a Craft of workmen, are engaged in useful service. “It bringeth forth fruit, first the blade, then the ear.” In England, Ireland and Scotland, Masonic schools were established for the boys and girls of the Brotherhood. Throughout the Australian colonies when a Craftsman dies the Fraternity gives an annuity to the wife and completes the education of the

oldest child, when the annuity ceases. Both of these methods are employed in the United States. In Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky and others of our large jurisdictions, there are such schools, the funds for their maintenance crowding the million mark, and throughout the South and West many Grand Lodges are finishing the education of Masonic sons and daughters. Scholarship funds are supported in many States, and we are proud that Nevada is one of them.

The reports on correspondence have proved a living fountain to the thirsty. Great libraries were founded and built up. England organized a research society, The Quatuor Coronati. The Grand Lodge of Iowa recently organized one along similar lines. Switzerland with its International Bureau is doing a splendid work in the education of the people, the training of youth and in founding and forwarding establishments of public utility. All are roads that lead to the goal of light. All offered encouragement to wisdom and virtue and knowledge grew, but, in the main, the quest was confined to the devoted seekers of truth. The annual messages of the Grand Masters continue to bewail the woeful lack of a knowledge of Masonry among the Brethren. The means now being employed to overcome this are the study club, the lecture bureau, the traveling library and a better edited Masonic press.

But the fruit of this new thought along educational lines, the blade in the ear, my Brethren, is that Masonry is seeking a wider and more active work in behalf of others, the usefulness that concerns humanity in general. The principle sought to be developed is the attainment of the highest development of the individual,—if I lose myself I find myself." In the cities of Chicago, New York, San Francisco, the Fraternity is co-operating in the preventive reformation work being undertaken by Law and Order Leagues to secure a greater efficiency in the administration of justice, for a purification of the ballot, to eradicate the divorce evil, to destroy the white slave traffic and to stop gambling and drunkenness. The getting away from the service for Masons only is the keynote of this new thought, the turning of its teachings into realities, making them of practical use in the every day walks of life, not for Craftsmen only, but for mankind.

In North Dakota the Grand Lodge, through the F. Jared Thompson Memorial, annually gives a gold watch to the best young orator in the colleges to encourage the youth of the State in public speaking. In Switzerland the support of the Lodges is given to nurseries for the care of children of poor women who have to work out during the day, to school cookery classes, to holiday homes for the poor in the country and to the spread of good literature. With a genuine enthusiasm for good in Peru and Chili the Lodges maintain night schools for all. In Baltimore, and in some other of our larger cities,

the Masons have established a free milk and ice station for indigent women and children, and have attached a free clinic thereto. In Duluth the work undertaken by the Masons looking to the betterment of conditions surrounding the lives of infant children has been so successful that the city authorities have definitely confided it to their charge. Nurses visit the homes and instruct the ignorant or helpless mother, free clinics are held in the Masonic Lodges twice a week, and in the Little Mothers' Club, meeting in the Masonic Temple, young girls are taught how to tend and care for babies. Masonic employment bureaus are springing up all over the country. The Scottish Rite Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, in its first year, obtained positions for 259 Masons, for 169 relatives of Masons and for 199 persons with no affiliation with the Craft, and the other bureaus are doing a like work successfully.

There are three things that have helped materially to make our Country great, the home, the free public schools and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience. To this trinity Freemasonry has ever been the strength and support, the protector and defender. In the great city of Chicago, Masonry has been waging a fierce battle to rid the public schools of sectarian influence, and at last the fight is won. It is fighting such battles in other cities, and is assisting in bringing about better opportunities for the education of the people as well as standing as the staunch defender of the public school system.

From a Mason of Atlanta came the suggestion that the per capita tax on the Craftsmen of the continent be raised so as to set aside fifty cents per member for the maintenance of a technical college and hospital for the education of both mind and body, and the Grand Lodge of Columbia has turned over the plan to a special committee for furtherance. This small increase would net for the first year an endowment of over \$1,000,000.

In the far distant past it is said that the candidate for initiation into the Mysteries was given this charge:

"Bear love to men as though they were thy
Brother pupils, the disciples of one Teacher,
The sons of One Sweet Mother."

Love is the root of everything eternal, and it behooves us, Brothers, to hear the cry for light, more light, and to aid ardently in letting knowledge grow from more to more, and in securing the happiness of the future races. The shining glory of Freemasonry is character, the achievement of moral and spiritual distinction; the crowning glory of Freemasonry is service. "Fewer theories and a truce to words. Acts, again acts, and acts forever." Real constructive work for the good of humanity is an essential requisite. Seize the truth, Brethren, that you will find your own life only in living in the

service of others, that the more of your life you give the better and fuller your own life will be. When our loved Fraternity works for human kind then and then only will Freemasonry come completely into its own. A growth in righteousness there must be. Let there be a growth in usefulness and service as well.

May this poem, surcharged with the spirit of love and service, be an inspiration to us all:

“Did you give him a lift?
He is a brother of man,
And bearing about all the burden he can.
Did you give him a smile?
He was downcast and blue,
And the smile would have helped him to battle it through

“Did you help him along?
He was slipping down hill,
And the world, so I fancied, was using him ill.
Did you give him a word?
To show him the road,
Or did you just let him go on with his load?

“Did you help along?
He is a sinner like you,
But the grasp of your hand might have carried him through.
Did you bid him good cheer?
Just a word and a smile were what he needed that last weary mile.
Do you know what he bore in the burden of cares that is every man's load and that he simply shares?

“Did you try to find out what he needed from you,
Or did you just leave him to battle it through?
Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,
When a lift in time might set everything right,
Do you know what it means just the clasp of a hand
When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand?
Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip,
And the glistening tears down the pale cheeks that slipped?

“Were you a brother of man when the time came to be?
Did you offer to help him or didn't you see?
Don't you know it's the part of the brother of man to find what the grief is and help when you can?
Did you stop when he asked you to give him a lift?
Or were you so busy you left him to shift?

"Oh, I know what you say may be true,
 But the test of your manhood is, what did you do?
 Did you reach out your hand?
 Did you find him the road,
 Or did you just let him go by with his load?"

Number of Lodges, 23; total membership, 1,977; net gain, 2.

Alfred W. Holmes, Reno -----Grand Master

Edward D. Venderlieth, Carson City ----Grand Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened at Raleigh on January 18, 1916. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Grand Master.

As the Grand Master was obliged to be absent from the State for about six months, the Deputy Grand Master ably acted as Grand Master and presented a complete report of his official acts during that time.

Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry, was also absent from his desk owing to having to undergo an operation. His work was efficiently handled by the Assistant Grand Secretary.

This Grand Lodge has two institutions which are doing excellent work. The Oxford Orphan Asylum cares for about 320 children and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home exercises loving care and attention over 32 aged Masons and widows.

Annual appropriations of \$400 were made to the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to be loaned to deserving orphan boys and girls to aid in completing their education. It is expected that these amounts are to be repaid as soon as the pupil is able, and again loaned out to other deserving orphan boys and girls.

In the admirable address of Bro. H. A. Gudger, Grand Orator, he makes this striking personal reference.

While I was Grand Master I received a telegram from a Lodge in the state that a Brother had died with delirium tremens and wanted to be buried with Masonic Honors, but the Lodge did not want to do this and asked to be exempted, from this duty. They were promptly telegraphed to carry out the Brother's wishes. The master telegraphed back that the Brother had been drunk for twelve months, that it would hurt Masonry in that neighborhood and that the officers would refuse to act. The reply was sent saying: "You bore with the Brother while he was alive. You cannot try him

after his death. He died in good standing. Unless he is buried with Masonic Honors and the officers attend I will arrest the charter." The ceremony was performed and I do not know whether it hurt Masonry in that neighborhood or not, but I do know that if the Brothers who belonged to that Lodge had discharged their duty in time they at least would have been exempt from any responsibility.

Six new Lodges were established under the dispensation of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Jno. A. Collins a writer of whom the Brethren of North Carolina are doubtless proud.

In his introductory remarks he says:

It must be gratifying to every reading Mason to know that in the addresses of Grand Masters touching the European war there is entire absence of bitterness against any of the belligerents. This is especially marked in the American Grand Lodges in which only sentiments of profound sorrow and sympathy are expressed for the victims of this stupendous tragedy. Even in the British Colonial Grand Lodges there is no evidence of anger or passion, but instead of firm determination to give loyal and earnest support, as masons should, to king and country at any sacrifice that may be required of blood or treasure.

Number of Lodges, 436; total membership, 25,030; net gain, 1,061.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh -----Grand Master

Jno. C. Drewry, Raleigh -----Grand Secretary

NOVA SCOTIA

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Bear River commencing June 14, 1916. Donald Fisher Fraser, Grand Master.

Bros. Whitlock of New Brunswick and Doull of Prince Edward Island, P.G.M.s were welcome visitors at this Convocation.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to St. John's Anglican Church, where Divine Service was held at 11 a.m. The Grand Chaplain preached an eloquent sermon from the text: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the Brethren." The sermon is printed in full in the proceedings.

Grand Master Fraser makes eloquent and fitting reference to "The War" and concludes with these words:

"When the struggle shall have ceased there will be a greater than ever, duty imposed upon members of this world-wide Fraternity. Responsibility will rest heavily on this body for the future peace and security of the world. This institution which has the welfare and good of mankind as a reason for existence must exert its moderating influence. This society composed of good men of all religions and races, must become a potential force in achieving every closer union of mankind. Freemasonry, the greatest brotherhood of man, founded on the highest moral teachings, must then play its part in controlling the rage and resentment of a maddened people, that having over-ridden the chivalry or religion and the principles of our noble order have driven the world into a welter of combat and revolting atrocity. Let me emphasize this hope in a closer quotation from a trenchant essay from the pen of that talented Canadian Brother, Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., M.P., recently delivered before a London Lodge. He writes:—Tradition says that Masons were first known as "Noachida," or sons of Noah, and that the actual sons of Noah believed that when the waters which covered the earth subsided, an era of peace would be established for all generations. It also says that Moses was Grand Master of the Masons, and dreamed that when the children of Israel reached the Promised Land they would rest there in peace and undisturbed. If there is not history to warrant this tradition, the idea behind it may well give inspiration and hope to Masons of today, who in common with millions of people in Europe, are marching through the strife and sorrow, and the Shadow of Death, though not without hope. It was not given to Moses to enter the Promised Land, and it cannot be given to the Masons of today to walk the field of universal peace; but in spite of all that is happening, true Masons, strong-hearted and faithful, will still believe that they are marching forward, not falling backward, and that the Masons of tomorrow will, through the scribes of the Masonic Lodge of the world, write in their archives that the brotherhood of man which they have cultivated has prevailed.

The work which we have to do is prodigious, but the cause is one that warrants supreme devotion to our task. Each Mason can begin his mission where he stands, in his own community, within his own land; and every craftsman should hope and pray that the day will come—and ask for that day—when there shall be in all the world no bar to the progress of our Order, and the life saved in the secrecy of the Lodge is translated into beneficent action in the open world."

A special session of Grand Lodge was summoned on April 30, to attend the funeral of Bro. T. A. Cossman, P.G.M.

A dispensation was granted to a number of prominent members of the Craft to establish the Nova Scotia Lodge of Research.

This Lodge differs from other Lodges in that Degrees will not be conferred and its members must be members in good standing of some other Lodge.

It is patterned after Lodges devoted to Masonic education and research, such a Quatuor Coronati, 2076 and other literary and historical Lodges of England. Its supporters hope to compile a Masonic history of Nova Scotia; to prepare and distribute papers for the better information of the Craft, to secure more uniform work and publish a Masonic Journal. Three Past Grand Masters were chosen as the three principal officers of the Lodge. The present membership of the Lodge is 50.

A charter was granted to this Lodge and certain amendments were made to the Constitution in order to permit of its proper organization.

A Grand Historian, who must be a member of this Lodge, was appointed and his duties defined.

This Lodge was exempted from dues and fees for dispensation and charter, and a grant of one hundred dollars was also made.

There is one Lodge in Halifax still under the Grand Lodge of England, viz., Royal Military Lodge, No. 398, R.Æ.

An agreement has been entered into between this Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia whereby the City Lodges are to take no naval or military candidates and the Royal Standard to take no resident civilian candidates.

Unfortunately this agreement has not always been adhered to, and complaints are frequent.

A purse of \$100 in gold was presented by Grand Lodge to Rt. W. Bro. Mowbray, Grand Secretary, and his wife on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Rt. W. Bro. James C. Jones, Acting Grand Secretary. It is replete with useful information.

Number of Lodges, 77; membership, 6,855; gain during the year, 90.

Donald F. Fraser, New Glasgow -----Grand Master

Thos. Mowbray, Halifax -----Grand Secretary

OHIO.

The one hundred and seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge opened on October 18th, 1916, at Columbus, Ohio, Frank W. Marquis, Grand Master.

Seventeen Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms were dedicated and ten corner stones laid during the year.

The Grand Master made thirty-six visits. By making those visits at central points he was able to meet with the members of over 250 Lodges.

Masonic Study and Research:—

"Of recent years the study side of Freemasonry has made vigorous strides. Abroad and at home there has been turned upon our beloved Fraternity the far-reaching eye of devoted research. Our Sister Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, has planned and set at work the National Masonic Research Society, with which some fourteen thousand Masons are now affiliated. Other Jurisdictions in these United States are alive to the situation and have special committees busy.

"I earnestly urge that all our members heartily support the National Masonic Research Society of Anamosa, Iowa, and all such agencies for better knowledge of our traditions, our history, our jurisprudence, our symbolism, and all indeed, that for us is bound up in the honored name and purpose of the Craft.

"That every Mason should have his own library of reliable Masonic books, is, I hold, most desirable. Lodge libraries are too seldom used, and the personal collection may be no better employed. With care, and every Mason can and should secure all possible assistance from well-informed Brethren in his Masonic book-buying, every home should be properly supplied with excellent and attractive Masonic literature.

"That any Mason should be uninformed upon the facts of Freemasonry in all its latest developments is a condition not to be tolerated if we, by whatever permissible means, may prevent its occurrence."

Charters were granted to five Lodges U.D.

The cuts of the Masonic homes which appear in the proceedings give one a slight idea of the philanthropic work being done by the Masons of Ohio.

This year they cared for:

93 men, average age 76 years.

64 women, average age 72 years.

31 boys, average age 12 years and 9 months.

23 girls, average age 11 years.

Bro. Nelson Williams presents his sixth annual report covering about 160 pages. In his introduction he says:

"Perhaps the one thing that stands out most prominent, and the one thing which casts a dark shadow over an otherwise picture of peace, harmony, good will, and contentment, is the action of the Mother Grand Lodge of England in bar-

ring from the Lodge rooms of its Subordinates those of their own members who were born in those countries which are at war with England. The action of the Grand Lodge is so foreign to every conception of Masonic duty and Masonic teaching, and is so antagonistic to the idea of real Masonic Brotherhood, that it shocks us as we contemplate it, and the one ray of light is the fact that there were strong, sturdy men, with true Masonic blood coursing through their hearts, that stood bravely forth and sought to prevent the passage of the legislation, but to no avail. One of these noble Brethren was Canon Foakes-Jackson, and another was Bro. A. L. Collins, and we believe that their words of warning will ring out in the Grand Lodge of England long after their bodies may have mouldered into dust."

Total number of Lodges, 541; total membership, 107,039; net gain, 5,854.

Joel C. Clore, Cincinnati.....Grand Master

J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.....Grand Secretary

OREGON.

The sixty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Albany, on June 7th, 1916. Frank J. Miller, Grand Master.

As soon as Grand Lodge was opened, the Grand Representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions present were received, and welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Master visited about one-half of his constituent Lodges, travelling over 8,000 miles in doing so.

The following are some of the decisions rendered by Grand Master Miller:—

1. "A candidate having received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees, but who, prior to taking the Master Mason's degree, met with an accident resulting in the loss of his left arm above the elbow, is entitled to the Third Degree. Masonry is an applied science, and its lessons are practical ones intended to better fit men for the duties of life, and aid in preparing them for the life to come. Its fundamentals are presented in the symbolism of the Entered Apprentice degree, and the remaining degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are but elaborations thereof. We are taught it is the internal, and not the external qualifications which fit a man to become a Mason, and if the candidate is a man of good moral character, his application having been made in due form and he having been elected, and having received one or more degrees, it is unjust to stop his progress because of developments over which he had no control.

5. "It is within the Worshipful Master's rights to request a brother to surrender the office of Senior Steward to another and assume the office and duties of Senior Deacon at a meeting where degrees are to be conferred.

9. "A special dispensation for the election of a Master or Warden will not be granted. In the absence of the Master, the Senior or Junior Warden shall act in his stead, and appoint qualified brethren to fill the vacancies temporarily.

10. "In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden is his legal and logical successor and must preside over the Lodge, if present, even though charges are pending against him.

11. "A mason from a foreign Jurisdiction who holds a demit issued more than one year prior to the date when presented, is not entitled to visit Lodges in this Jurisdiction. A Mason becomes a non-affiliate immediately upon the issuance of his demit, and time runs from that date.

12. "An applicant who has his right leg amputated six inches below the knee, who has an artificial foot which he uses with ease, who is in all other respects well fitted, and is capable of easily and readily giving and receiving the instructions contemplated by our statutes, should not be disqualified."

Bro. Miller is evidently very anxious to bring about a general conference of Grand Masters throughout the Republic. He says:

"There seems to be a well-defined idea that Masonry in each state constitutes a group separate and apart from Masonry in every other state, or in other parts of the world—a group that is united by common ideals and common aspirations. However flattering to ourselves this may be, it is in error. Masonry is, or ought to be, a universal institution. Our aims and our objects are one, and we cannot be too closely united in both sentiment and practice.

"I have no fear of the sovereignty of any jurisdiction being invaded or menaced by a continuance of these General Conferences, and I can foresee much good resulting from them. They will bring the several Grand Jurisdictions into closer touch with each other. They will have a tendency to standardize the work, make more uniform the laws, harmonize rules and regulations, and they can do no possible harm."

The following rings true, Masonically:—

"There is too much ostentation in the construction of fine buildings, and not enough attention paid to charity. We build fine Masonic Temples, furnish them lavishly, and go heavily in debt to do it. All this that we may make a superficial showing. Several of our Lodges are so burdened by a building debt that they cannot see their way out. One Lodge built a splendid building, much in excess of its requirements, and eventually lost all of its original investment (which was

considerable) as well as its credit, and some of its members. Other Lodges have doubled, and even trebled, their dues and still are unable to meet their obligations. They have nothing but trouble and anxiety, and are without funds in their treasury to relieve the distress and need of indigent or helpless members. It is not my desire to leave the impression that I am not in favor of Lodges owning their own homes, for such is not the case. On the contrary, I am very heartily in favor of their doing so, but I would advise caution in not going beyond your reasonable ability to meet your obligations and building only in reasonable conformity with your needs.

"I would recommend that an enactment be made prohibiting a Lodge from borrowing money in any amount in excess of a sum approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

"The Grand Lodge should turn its efforts toward fraternalism and away from commercialism. Maintaining business buildings for profit and refusing and neglecting to provide for the worthy distressed brethren and their families of our own jurisdiction is not a pleasant theme to dwell upon, and is a condition which calls loudly for a change. The building on Third and Alder Streets, in the City of Portland, should be sold and the money derived therefrom used for Masonic charity. My heart has been caused to bleed not once, but many times, by appeals which have come to me for much-needed aid, and which I had to refuse because there was no adequate method by which relief could be given."

Rev. Bro. J. R. N. Bell was appointed Grand Chaplain for the fortieth consecutive year.

The retiring Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's apron.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. David P. Mason, P.G.M. He devotes three pages of closely printed matter to Alberta, 1915. No comment is made but no item of interest has been omitted.

Number of Lodges, 143; total membership, 14,779; net gain, 564.

W. Moore, Pendleton.....	Grand Master
Jas. F. Robinson, Portland.....	Grand Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The forty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened at Charlottetown June 28, 1916. James D. Stewart, Grand Master.

A special communication was held on Oct. 25, 1915 to attend the funeral of the late M.W. Bro. S. W. Crabbe, P.G.M. of this Grand Lodge and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

This Grand Lodge has the smallest jurisdiction in the world. The area of the Province is about 3,000 square miles.

The Grand Master in his annual address pays an eloquent tribute to the noble 105th Battalion which was recruited in this little Province, and gives much of the credit to M.W. Bro. Fullerton, Grand Chaplain, who by his earnest and eloquent appeals impelled hundreds to enlist for King and Country.

The Grand Master was not called upon to rule on any question of Masonic Law, usage or Jurisprudence during the year. This is unique.

He recommended:

1. That some special consideration be given to ways and means of obtaining a better and more regular attendance of members of Subordinate Lodges.

2. That some special effort be made to obtain and establish complete uniformity of ritual work throughout the Jurisdiction either by the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters who would be in a position after conference to visit Lodges in their respective territories frequently, and when degree work is being done by holding Lodges of Instruction when possible and by any other means; or by placing the Grand Lecturer in such a position that he may do his work properly and efficiently; or by such other means as the Grand Lodge may deem expedient.

The Correspondence Committee reported briefly, without a review of Foreign Jurisdictions. They stated that the financial condition of Grand Lodge would not warrant them in undertaking the additional expense but agreed that "it certainly would be a means of conveying to their membership a large amount of useful knowledge of which they are now deprived."

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and an exchange of Representatives arranged for.

There is a very creditable balance of \$4,859.51 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 15; members, 854; a gain for the year of 35.

A. Stirling McKay, Summerside -----Grand Master

W. P. Doull, Charlottetown -----Grand Secretary

QUEENSLAND

The twelfth annual report of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge during the year ending June 1916 was reviewed.

We find that two special and three stated communications of this Grand Lodge were held during their Masonic year.

A. M. Hertzberg, Grand Master presided over each of these Communications. This is the seventh year in succession in which Bro. Hertzberg has occupied the Chair of King Solomon in the Grand Lodge of Queensland. His predecessors were M.W. Bros. Geo. S. Hutton and Lord Chelmsford now Governor General of India.

The Grand Master in one of his addresses says:

There are but few Grand Jurisdictions, apart from England and Scotland, with whom we are not yet in fraternal relation, and from correspondence with these Grand Lodges I may safely predict that the present year will see the establishment of such between us. Meanwhile, our work in the past is receiving recognition from many eminent Grand Lodges, and I may be permitted to quote the report of Foreign Correspondence in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Speaking of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, it says, *inter alia*: "I consider this one of the most vigorous virile Grand Jurisdictions to be found in any section of the globe."

Our progress during the past twelve months recorded in numbers is 220, bringing our total membership to 2,510, distributed in sixty-six Lodges. Our General Fund will show a credit balance for the year of about £500.

We have given assistance since the inauguration of our Grand Lodge in 1904 to the amount of £1,600, and our Benevolent Funds show a credit of over £2,500. The funds of the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution have considerably increased, and now stand at £4,500, whilst we are helping to support fifteen orphans. These figures are inspiring and speak well for our past efforts, whilst the augury for the future is great, especially under union. Widows and aged Masons to the number of 7 are being regularly assisted out of the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

As regards increased membership, may I again draw attention to the quality expected in those who seek to participate with us in the privileges of Freemasonry. Special qualities of heart and temperament are essential. Where these are at all in doubt, give the Lodge the benefit of that doubt. The Lodges are the guardians of the keys which unlock the doors of admission not only into a particular Lodge, but into the whole of the Craft wherever found. Service is one of the greatest privileges that comes to a Freemason—unselfish service to our fellows, and, whilst performing such service,

we should also aim not to neglect our duties to those directly dependent on us. It is quite easy to serve others and yet progress yourself. That is a worthy aim for all men, but it must be guided by the strictest integrity and proper regard for the interest of our fellow-men. Instead of seeking to get ahead of others we should get ahead of ourselves, break our own records, let yesterday be surpassed by to-day, give as we never gave before, work with more force and a greater aim than ever to attain the best, bear our trials with becoming resignation. Let us ever remember that whilst Freemasonry is not a charitable institution, charity is one of the most emphatic of our teachings, and should not be confined solely to members of the Craft, but embrace all mankind. Such service must exalt us and the noble institution of which we are proud to be units; in its final application the place of any institution is measured absolutely by the "services" it renders.

On June 14, 1915 the following resolution was passed by Grand Lodge: "That all our Lodges be asked to contribute to a fund under the auspices of this Grand Lodge for Patriotic purposes."

On March 13, 1916, 37 Lodges had contributed over £577.

At the consecration of Albert Lodge, Queenstown, the Grand Master delivered an inspiring address which appears in full in the proceedings.

We have pleasure in quoting therefrom:

Tonight we shall install into the Chair of King Solomon to rule over this new centre of light and learning an honored Minister of one of the leading Christian Churches in our country, and a Past Grand Master and that fact must speak volumes for what I have just expressed that a man to be a truly good Freemason must continue to take part in the activities of his Church—be he Gentile or Jew.

The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is the foundationstone of our sublime structure, and notwithstanding all creeds and the good they stand for, the present happenings in the world have proved how far we have still to travel to see this Masonic ideal and basic belief become universal. Consider therefore, brethren, the nobility of our mission, to live up to these truths and by example in our intercourse with our fellow men to help on this glorious work.

The corollary to it all is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in their widest application.

Brotherly love demands from us that we give candid consideration to the sayings and doings of our fellows, that we place the most charitable construction on a brother's words and deeds, that if we cannot see eye to eye with him, we must be moderate in reproof, readily offer him good counsel,

and if the brother has erred and fallen from grace, endeavor to win him back to the paths from which he has departed. Substantial help should be readily and wisely given and all efforts made to assist an erring Brother to regain his own self-respect. Defend a Brother's character as your own, and indeed do so for any man whom you know to be wrongfully aspersed, and where such cannot be done conscientiously, let us remember our vows and let our motto be silence.

Relief—sometimes called charity—though it is a misnomer, for if it so be that a Brother needs temporary relief, it is not charity, it is merely giving effect to one of our most solemn vows at the time of our entrance into the Fraternity. Any such relief must be necessarily gauged by the peculiar circumstances of the case, but it should be sufficient to help a Brother to become helpful to himself and again independent of others.

Truth has many interpretations and is the basis of all character. The poet expresses it so beautifully:

“To thine own self be true:
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.”

A ready acknowledgement of what is good and worthy in others, introspection of ourselves, and mending the faults we discover.

Service underlies the three attributes so widely prized by Masons as the foundations of our honored Craft. Service to those dependent upon us; to our fellows—wherever found worthy; to the community in which we live; to our country; and in the upholding of the noble traditions of our Motherland—a country at once the fount of honor and the palladium of freedom. All these may well be ranged under Truth, for if true to ourselves, they must appeal to us as the most noble expressions and amplification of Truth—Masonic Truth—one of our greatest ideals.

Again he says:—

I fear not all—indeed, not many of us realise what it means to be a Mason and what are a Mason's privileges. Let us ever remember that we claim—aye, and we succeed largely—to be builders of moral manhood, and as such, it will be conceded by careful students and observers, have no superiors. Just reflect upon the glorious privilege all Masons have. An eminent Grand Master of one of our Sister Constitutions in America has truly said: “They are not simply members of a Lodge, but members of a great growing moral institution that belts the globe, crossing oceans, climbing mountains, and spreading its light wherever the sons of man are found. This must fill the mind with brighter, grander and purer thoughts, and the life of man with kinder, gentler and nobler deeds.”

This Grand Lodge is still not recognized by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. Surely when 90 per cent. of the Freemasons of the world do so, it is time for these Grand Lodges to reconsider their attitude in this regard.

Number of Lodges, 66; total membership, 2510; net gain, 220.

A. M. Hertzberg, Brisbane -----Grand Master

C. H. Harley, Brisbane -----Grand Secretary

RHODE ISLAND.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened at Providence on May 15, 1916. R. S. Bemis, Grand Master, in the East.

Regarding the physical qualification of candidates the Grand Master says:

"In the days of Ancient Craft Masonry, the fitness of a candidate was judged by his mechanical qualifications—his ability to handle the actual working tools of the trade. We who are working only as speculative Masons agree that the mental efficiency and the moral character of the applicant are the primal considerations. In short, internal rather than external qualities are the main factors. The tools of the profession now simply point to fundamental truths, and are symbolical only in their meaning.

For example, the common gavel was used by operative workmen to assist in dressing stones for the builder's use. As speculative Masons, we use it as a symbol to point out a moral precept. From the speculative view, the stone is now the individual man; the gavel, the instrument which assists in shaping him. The more accurate the work of the gavel in finishing the individual stone, the more splendid will be the structure. The more thoroughly the heart and the mind of the individual is trained, the nobler will be the human edifice which Masonry is striving to erect. As our ancient brethren reared structures, we are building character, which is what the human edifice requires if it is to stand forth resplendent in strength and beauty.

No Master should take an apprentice unless he be a perfect youth, having no main or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother.

The Ancient Charge was formulated to take care of conditions from the operative point of view. In all branches of operative work it was essential that a worker have the free use of all his limbs for the handling of tools and for moving about the various heights of the structure.

A case has been brought to my attention for advice—that of a man who lost his leg above the knee. He, however, has an artificial limb, so skilfully constructed that he can assume all required positions. His character is above approach, and he is ably earning his living.

I understand that Grand Jurisdictions disagree in their interpretations of the required physical qualifications of candidates seeking admission into our Order.

For the development of our Art, the speculative worker in Masonry makes use of mental rather than manual processes. A too literal interpretation of this Ancient Charge might be considered severe. How lenient can we afford to be?

The question was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report.

A Masonic Home Fund has been started in this Grand Lodge. The amount on hand is \$4,648.80. The entire amount came from the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

They have agreed that a fund must reach \$50,000 before Grand Lodge can consider the actual establishment of the "Home."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee dealt with the request of the National Grand Lodge of France in the following items:

In the matter of officially recognizing "The National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and of the French colonies," the following is submitted: That Grand Lodge, so-called, is in a jurisdiction occupied by the Grand Orient of France, which body we cannot recognize as conforming to American ideals. There exists in France, also, The Grand Lodge of France, from which body recognition was about forty years ago withdrawn.

For the present, at least, and until certain conditions are much changed in France, it is recommended that recognition of "The National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies" be indefinitely postponed.

Total membership, 9,466; net increase, 272.

Wilbur A. Scott, Providence-----Grand Master

S. Penrose Williams, Providence-----Grand Secretary

SASKATCHEWAN

The tenth annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Swift Current, on Wednesday, June 21, 1916. William M. Thomson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his address with a retrospect of

the growth and development of the Province and of Grand Lodge during the first decade of its existence. This Grand Lodge began with 29 Lodges, 5 of which were under dispensation, and a membership of about 900. It now has 122 Chartered Lodges with a total membership of 7,117.

The Grand Master refers in complimentary terms to the pleasant time spent as a guest of the Medicine Hat Lodges of this Jurisdiction when he and his accompanying officers were cordially welcomed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by our Grand Master.

On December 31, 1915, over 500 members of the Order had enlisted for active service abroad. About one-half left behind them wives and families. What an opportunity for the exercise of the true spirit of Masonry by those brethren who remain at home.

An Emergency War Fund instituted last year has now \$3,-980.60 to its credit.

The following rulings made by the Grand Master were approved by Grand Lodge:

The passing of the collection plate around the Lodge when the candidate is standing in the Northeast Angle of the Lodge in the First Degree is not permissible.

A Committee of Past Masters appointed to meet applicants before giving them application forms is agreeable to the Constitution.

The G.M. has no authority to sanction the issuing of a Certificate printed in English, French and German to be provided to Masons from this Jurisdiction with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

It is unconstitutional for petitions to be presented or reports of Committees on Applicants received at Emergent meetings.

Thirty-one Lodges were not represented at Grand Lodge.

The report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge as compiled and arranged by Grand Secretary Tate is very complete and reflects much credit upon the energetic Brother.

The Board of General Purposes have issued instructions that the W.M. of each Lodge shall on receipt of a copy of the proceedings arrange to have the address of the Grand Master, the report of the D.D.G.M. of the district in which the Lodge is situated together with all notices of motion read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge thereafter.

A complete list of the approved rulings of Grand Lodge appear in the proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. S. Gorrell, P.G.M.

It covers 224 pages and contains much valuable information.

J. F. Anderson, Saskatoon-----Grand Master

W. B. Tate, Regina-----Grand Secretary

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge issues her Proceedings in parts. Unfortunately the parts received by the Committee are comprized largely of rolls of Grand Lodge membership and of Lodges in the different districts under this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Colonel R. King Stewart in his brief annual address states that the grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the year by 8,963 compared with 10,872 the previous year. The year's income, £8,273, showed a decrease of £1,900, while the expenditure, £6,494, was £326 less. During the year 1915 £780 had been granted out of the Benevolent Fund, and in the same period £2,985 had been paid to annuitants, making £47,700 disbursed in this direction since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889. The General Fund amounted to £407, the Benevolent Fund to £12,340, and the Annuity Fund to £97,483, a total for the three funds of £110,230, exclusive of real and personal estate valued at £59,070, making a grand total of £169,300.

In the opening number of the 1916-17 proceedings a ruling was sought regarding the custom of certain Scottish Lodges initiating a Lewis at a reduced fee. The Grand Committee recommended that practice must be discontinued as the only constitutional privilege of a Lewis was that of being entered at 18 years of age and upward. They also recommended that "An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed for, or elected to, office. If already an office-bearer, he ought not to retain office. An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed or admitted as a member of a Lodge,—and his proposer and seconder (unless they were ignorant of the fact) are liable to be dealt with for breach of their Masonic duty."

A Special Committee was appointed by Grand Committee to consider a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, raising the question of what attitude should be assumed by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland towards Brethren of alien enemy birth and nationality during the continuation of the present war. The report of the Special Committee recommended approval of the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of England requiring Brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth or nationality not to attend Grand Lodge or Lodge meetings during the continuance of the war, and until Grand Lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed, shall otherwise determine and further exempting such Brethren from the payment of dues. In regard to the wider question brought under discussion by the letter of the Grand Secretary of England, viz., the taking of most drastic steps by severing Lodges altogether Masonic ties with German and Hungarian Grand Lodges or Brethren the Special Committee reported:

"That for constitutional and broad Masonic reasons this Grand Lodge is not prepared to take the further steps adverted to in Grand Secretary of England's letter, being of opinion that justice cannot be done to such vital questions until after peace shall have been restored."

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Number of Lodges and members not stated.

Colonel R. King Stewart, Murdostoun-----Grand Master

David Reid, Edinburgh -----Grand Secretary

TEXAS

The eighty first annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Waco on Dec. 5, 1916.

D. S. McMillin, Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge had a sudden call for financial aid by their Grand Master, rendered necessary by a disastrous fire in the city of Paris, which left destitute nearly 8,000 people. The response was prompt and generous. Over \$5,500 was forwarded to the relief committee for distribution.

The question of the physical qualification of applicants for the degrees was submitted to the Grand Master for his decisions. He granted permission to 50 petitioners who were defective or maimed and refused 38 others. Surely Grand Lodge could enact some law to overcome this laborious process.

The corner stones of 25 public buildings were laid by the Masons of Texas during the year. May this link connecting the Operative Masonry of the past with the Speculative Masonry of the present, never die out.

Dispensations were granted to seven Lodges to publicly install officers on days other than June 24.

The attitude of the Grand Master towards any organization trying to use Masonry for business purposes was clearly defined by him in these words:

During the present administration of the affairs of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction no such organizations as use the words "Mason" or "Masonic" for business purposes will be permitted to do business in Texas with my sanction or permission.

After eighty-one years of the old system of registration this Grand Lodge is considering the adoption of the "Card system". By all means do it now.

Grand Orator A. L. Randell concludes an eloquent address on Masonic Research with these words:

My Brethren, the riches of Masonry lie dormant beneath the careless feet of the untutored and uninspired Mason content to exist upon the crusts of Masonry; always concealing, never revealing, their fabulous wealth. The golden nuggets of its principles, the shining silver of its philosophy, the glistening diamonds of its everlasting truths enrich him not; he builds no house of refuge from its Cedars of Lebanon; he may not transport its life-sustaining treasures to alleviate the wants of his struggling brother man. I want this Grand Lodge in its wisdom to find some way to enable us to gather the riches of Masonic History, Symbolism and Philosophy--to become learned in those eternal principles and wise precepts that have for centuries promoted, and will for centuries to come, promote the reign of Happiness, Righteousness and Freedom. For thus only may we be trained for an inspired, consecrated service to Masonry; and Masonry, through us, continue to lead mankind up the shining pathway which reaches to the gates of the Eternal City, into the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Everlasting Temple.

This Grand Lodge has a very successful Masonic Home and School. The per capita cost during the year is \$20.52 per month. There are seventeen Instructors on the faculty of the home School.

The publication of a journal devoted entirely to Masonic interests under the direction and control of Grand Lodge is under consideration in Texas.

Bro. Geo. W. Tyler, P.G.M., presented his fifth annual report on Foreign Correspondence and announced his voluntary retirement from that office.

The Brethren of the Round Table will miss very much his interesting annual productions.

Number of Lodges, 1,116; total membership, 68,324; net gain, 2,427.

Frank C. Jones, Houston -----Grand Master
W. B. Pearson, Waco -----Grand Secretary

SOUTH CAROLINA

The one hundred and fortieth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the city of Charleston on December 12, 1916, R. A. Cooper, Grand Master.

Grand Master Cooper recommended that the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England be commemorated in some appropriate way and presented the following information

regarding the formation of the Grand Lodge of England:—

"During the first two decades of the eighteenth century Masonry in the South of England was at very low ebb. Some writers say that in 1715 there were only four Lodges, in the whole of the South of England (some add 'possibly more'), all four being in London. These 'four old Lodges' were (1) the old 'Lodge of St. Paul,' now called 'the Lodge of Antiquity,' and is now No. 2 on the present Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England, constituted in the year 1691; (2) the Lodge that met at 'the Queen's Hotel,' Turnstile, London, formerly at 'the Crown,' constituted in 1712, now defunct; (3) Lodge Fortitude and 'Old Cumberland,' now No. 12 on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England, date of constitution unknown, 'probably about 1712,' and (4) 'Lodge Royal Somerset House and Inverness,' 'constituted somewhere between 1712 and 1717,' and still retains its original number (4) on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"These 'Four Old Lodges' ('and possibly more,' as not a few Masonic writers affirm) met at the 'Apple Tree Tavern,' London, in 1717, (I have not been able to discover the exact date), 'and having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (being the Master of a Lodge), they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge protempore, in due form, and forthwith revived the quarterly communications of the officers of Lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual assembly and feast, and then to choose a Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honor of a noble Brother at their head.'

"Accordingly, on 24th June, 1717 (St. John the Baptist's day), these 'Four Old Lodges' (and 'possibly more,' as some writers say) met at the alehouse known as 'The Goose and Gridiron,' in London House Yard, the usual meeting place of the Lodge of Antiquity. The 'annual assembly and feast' was held, and Mr. Anthony Sayer was duly elected Grand Master. This was the first Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, and I think quarterlies have been held continuously ever since.

"At this late day I do not see that it would serve any good purpose to even refer to the schism that occurred in 1738, when the 'Ancients' or 'Athol' Masons withdrew from The Grand Lodge of England, started a Grand (?) Lodge of their own, and continued a separate and distinct body under the name of 'Ancient York Masons' till 1813, when the two Grand Lodges united under the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Sussex (who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, NOT Grand Master of the York Masons, (don't overlook this fact; it is important), under the present name of 'The United Grand Lodge of England.'"

Grand Master Cooper places his name on record as being opposed to the formation of a General Grand Lodge.

The vexed question of the proper arrangement of the lesser lights in a Lodge room was answered by the Grand Master and

approved by Grand Lodge.

He stated that the proper arrangement of the lesser lights is an equilateral triangle around the altar and arranged in such a way as to place the Holy Bible in the centre of the triangle—one light in the East, one in the South, and one in the West.

He ruled that no part of any of the Degrees of Symbolic Masonry can be communicated, but each candidate must go through in regular form; also, that a candidate for Masonry must believe in God and if he declines to so declare his belief he can not legally receive the degrees of Masonry.

In this connection I take the liberty of quoting the following lines from the address of the Grand Orator of Oregon:—

If any man shall challenge you and say:
 "There is no God," turn not thy face away,
 Nor call him "fool," nor treat him with disdain.
 And judge him not; all this were worse than vain.
 Take thou his hand and say to him: "My friend,
 What bitter cup of sorrow have you drained?
 What malady has stricken thus your soul?
 Where did you fall? How did you miss the goal?
 What weary, thorny paths have your feet trod,
 That you can thus proclaim: "There is no God?"
 Withhold thy censure till the truth be known
 What bitterness turned this man's heart to stone.
 And what bereavement made him deaf and blind
 To all the beauties of the world; and find
 If he will tell you—and perhaps he may—
 What power sustains HIM while he thus can say:
 "There is God?" Then say to him: "If so,
 Make thou form an acorn that will grow."
 Tell him, "Wherever life is, GOD IS THERE,
 And LIFE, like Love and Truth, is everywhere."

Bro. J. L. Michie presented his seventh annual review of Sister Jurisdictions. Our only regret in this connection is that Alberta was not included in his able review.

He opens his report with this beautiful prayer:

"Since it has been my very joy to find
 At every turning of the road
 The strong arm of a comrade, kind,
 To help me onward with my load;
 And since I have no gold to give,
 And love alone must make amends,
 My only prayer is, while I live,
 God make me worthy of my friends."

Total membership, 17,397; net increase, 617.

R. A. Cooper, Laurens-----Grand Master
 O. Frank Hart, Columbia-----Grand Secretary

VERMONT.

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened at the City of Burlington, on June 14, 1916. Charles H. Darling, Grand Master.

Bro. Darling is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In his annual address he says:—

“We are one of the institutions that has demonstrated that frequent changes in its organization and principles are not necessary to its progress and that its influence in the community may be increasingly felt without noise or advertising and with no departure from the even tenor of our ways.

Charity.

Last year we set apart \$1,000 for our Permanent Charity Fund and \$1,000 for present use. There would seem to be no reason why this should not be done this year and in the years to follow. Vermont has apparently settled upon the policy of establishing a foundation for a permanent charity fund, the income of which should be used for charitable purposes. On careful consideration this method seems more practicable and useful than the establishment of a Masonic Home. Men are often suddenly and temporarily overwhelmed financially by accident or temporary sickness, either to themselves or their families, when a Masonic Home can afford no relief; while the income of a substantial endowment fund will take care of all such cases, as well as assist the permanently poor and enfeebled. This can be done much more economically and more satisfactorily than similar work can be done at a Masonic Home. So let us treat it as established that the administration of our charities shall take the form of the income of a permanent fund rather than a Masonic home. Such income should not be used until the fund reaches at least \$50,000 and I hope to see the amount at least twice that sum within a reasonable time. This fund now having been started and firmly established, gifts, contributions and bequests, large and small, are earnestly solicited from all those that are interested in Masonic charity.

All Lodges should note this observation with regard to elections and govern themselves accordingly:—

“Secrecy is one of the chief purposes of an election by ballot and a vote to instruct the secretary or a fellow member to cast a ballot for the candidate, is not a vote by ballot, and should not be entertained.”

This Grand Lodge mourns the loss of one of its most devoted and capable Past Grand Masters. Bro. M. O. Perkins had the unique distinction of having filled for twenty-five years in each case, the following offices: Secretary of his private Lodge; Secretary of the Chapter; Recorder in the Council and Commandery, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Perkins was not only a skilful Masonic teacher but also a master

ritualist, and his scholarly influence will be greatly missed by Masonry everywhere.

Bro. Haskins, P.G.M., was appointed to complete the Correspondence Report.

Number of Lodges, 103; total membership, 14,241; net gain, 186.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington.....Grand Master

Frank A. Ross, Burlington.....Grand Secretary

VIRGINIA

The one hundred and thirty-eighth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in the City of Richmond on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1916. Owing to the illness of Grand Master Wood, the Deputy Grand Master presided in the Grand East and read the annual address of the Grand Master.

The following are a few of the decisions given by him:

1. "A Brother, after taking the obligation of a Master Mason, and the lights explained, collapsed. He was examined by a physician, and declared physically unable to proceed at that time. What is his status?" and I answered, "The brother becomes a Master Mason as soon as the obligation is conferred, and under the circumstances, I would proceed to exemplify the balance of the Degree, either by lecture or explanation, or allowing the Brother to witness the rest of the Degree when you next confer it upon a Candidate. Of course, when it comes to the section imparting the S.W.O.M., it should be done in the usual manner, which I cannot communicate by writing, but you will understand."

2. Question—"Whether a Master Mason could visit a Virginia Lodge who was from a Grand Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia."
"No."

3. Question—"How long are Lodges in your jurisdiction authorized to claim jurisdiction over rejected material after removal from the State?"

"We do not claim jurisdiction after party leaves our State."

4. Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, wanted to know whether German Masons had a right to visit their Lodge, and I decided they had.

5. A party was suspended for non-payment of dues Feb. 1, 1915. On Feb. 16, 1915, he paid his dues, \$6.00 and asked reinstatement to the rights and benefits of Masonry, and restoration to membership. He was reinstated to the rights and benefits, but not to membership.

I was asked the following questions: First, the present Masonic status of the party; second, whether the party has the right to apply for affiliation, or be admitted by any other Lodge than the one that suspended him prior to his restoration to membership in the Lodge that suspended him; third, whether the Lodge that reinstated him to the rights and benefits, but did not restore him to membership, could legally grant the Brother a dimit without his being restored to membership.

I answered:

First. The party is now a non-affiliate.

Second. Yes, he can apply for membership to any Lodge that he may select.

Third. No, the Lodge that suspended him, and refused to restore him to membership cannot grant the party a dimit, as he is not a member of the Lodge, and a dimit can only be granted members.

6. Question—"Has the Master a right to revoke the order (meaning a resolution passed by a Lodge), and, if so, what record should be made of the proceedings?"

He has no right to, and the minutes of the Lodge should remain as recorded and approved. Of course, a Lodge may revoke an order or resolution at a subsequent stated communication.

On June 3, 1915 the Grand Master laid the corner-stone of the Stonewall Jackson Monument in Richmond.

Dispensations were granted to open three new Lodges. He expresses regret at being forced to deny several Lodges the privilege of having public installation of officers. He says that his own feeling has always been that the less done by any Lodge out of the tiled recesses of the Lodge the better for Masonry. He does not include, of course, funerals or the laying of corner-stones.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, Foreign Correspondent, has this observation to make regarding our 1915 proceedings:

"The Grand Master was 'glad to note' that two of the Lodges had incorporated. They are now creatures of civil courts, which could demand inquiry into the control over some of their acts, and could order sale for distribution of their property, in order to give an expelled member, held illegally expelled, his share. Those courts might even nullify his expulsion. The contingency may be remote, but it exists."

Number of Lodges, 322; total membership, 25,531; net gain, 797.

James C. Cabell, Columbia -----Grand Master
Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond-----Grand Secretary

WASHINGTON

The fifty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge opened on June 13th, 1916, in the city of Tacoma with Robert L. Sebastian, Grand Master.

Frank N. McCandless, P.G.M. and Grand Representative of Alberta near this Garnd Lodge was present.

Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM on the Third Degree of Masonry.

Ten corner stones were laid by this Grand Master or his Deputy during the year. Eight dispensations for new Lodges were issued.

He stated that the amount appropriated for the instruction of Lodges in the standard work, \$2,500, was not sufficient, especially in view of the fact that some competent Brother should visit the Lodges in the interior of Alaska and given them the necessary information.

There are two Masonic Libraries in the City of Tacoma; one is the property of Grand Lodge and the other is supported by the Masonic Bodies in the City. The latter is said to be one of the best Masonic Libraries in the United States.

There are a number of Masters and Wardens' Clubs in this Jurisdiction which are doing a valuable work in the interests of Masonry.

The Grand Master in his concluding remarks says:—

"We are necessitous creatures, and there is no time at which we do not need human ministrations in the way of relief; hence, we should be ready to extend the same. The opportunity to extend relief, whether it be financial or in the way of securing employment or in the visiting of the sick or in seeing to the burial of the dead, or in caring for the widow and orphan, is too valuable to be overlooked in such an institution as ours; it is not overlooked, and therein, I think, lies the strong appeal of our institution to ordinary men. Let us look well to it, therefore, that we pass by no opportunity wherein we may extend such assistance as we may be called upon to render to those who have the strongest possible claims upon us."

An appropriation of \$1,000 was recommended by the Grand Secretary for the purpose of covering expenses of making up a card-index record from 1895 to date.

The Foreign Correspondence report contains the following with respect to the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodges of France:—

"The application of this body for recognition was continued from last year. No answers have been received from our attempts to secure direct information, and our only resource has been the circulars, and the reports of Committees to other Grand Bodies. From these it appears that this so-called

Grand Lodge is a small body of three Lodges and about one hundred and fifty Masons; that its Grand Master came very recently out of the Grand Orient of France; that its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England was purely the personal act of the Pro-Grand Master; that it is not regarded seriously in Paris, and indications are that it is really a colonization on French soil of some new Lodges under English patronage; that there is much doubt as to whether it is really more regular in practice than the old Grand Lodge of France, a body with over one hundred fifty Lodges and several thousand members.

Your Committee therefore recommends that recognition be declined."

Sufficient automobiles were provided to convey Grand Lodge to their Masonic Home at Puyallup where an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Bro. F. S. Thompson, Grand Orator, delivered a stirring address on "Mastership Through Symbols." He made use of these beautiful lines:

"Happy the man who, when his work is done,
Lies down to sleep with nothing of regret,
Breathing these only words—'I am content,'
But happier he who, 'mid the storms of life,
Bares his brave breast to Envy's bitter blasts,
Nor shuns the poisoned barbs of calumny,
And 'mid it all stands sturdy and elate,
Girt only in the armor God hath meant for him
Who, 'neath the buffetings of Fate,
Can say to God and Man, 'I am content.'"

Such is the Master-man, the Builder. Ah, this Masonic allegory is nothing less than an epic of symbolism, illustrating the Way of Life to those who have the Light."

The Grievance Committee made clear the question of the right to visit in a subordinate Lodge by stating that visitors in a Lodge are received only subject to the right of any member of the Lodge to object to their visit without assigning any reason for such objection, and visitors so objected to, have no appeal from the decision of the Lodge.

The Third Degree was exemplified before Grand Lodge by the Officers of Everett Lodge.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee presented a concise report covering 46 pages. It is arranged on the topical plan and contains much interesting information. Personally we prefer the usual method of review. Many interesting details must necessarily be lost sight of by those following the topical plan.

Alberta, 1915, was included in the review, yet I can find only two lines devoted to our proceedings.

Number of Lodges, 196; total membership, 21,698; net gain, 974.

Geo. R. Malcolm, Walla Walla -----Grand Master
Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma -----Grand Secretary

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Perth, on April 27, 1916.

C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master.

Quarterly communications were also held.

The sum of £143.6 was forwarded to the Belgian Masonic Relief Fund.

The financial condition of this Grand Lodge is highly satisfactory as the following figures will show:

The balance at present standing to the credit of the General Fund is £5,901; the Fund of Benevolence, £5,799; Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund, £9,437; Freemasons' Hall Act., £13,274; giving a grand total of £34,411, showing a gain for the year of £1,350. When these figures are considered, in conjunction with the fact that we gave away nearly £1,000 in charity during the year, it is surely ample proof that it was a wise thing to have established a Grand Lodge for Western Australia. If any further proof were needed I have but to mention the fact that this is the FOURTEENTH successive year in which the books of Grand Lodge have been closed with every Lodge in good standing and not a single one in arrears.

Sixteen years ago our Grand Lodge was formed with 33 Lodges on the Roll. Today there are 97 Lodges on the Register with a membership of 4,108, showing a decrease of 11 for the year.

Concerning the war and Masonry, the Grand Master says:

As an example of the truly beneficent influence of Freemasonry, and the ties that bind the Craft together in all lands, I may mention that among the 1,500 members of the ill-fated naval brigade that went to the relief of Antwerp, and who became interned in Holland after the fall of that city, there are a considerable number of British Masons, who, in the words of Br. Commodore Henderson, R.N., received the greatest kindness from their Dutch brethren "who welcomed them to their Lodges, invited them to their homes, and everything in their power to ease the restraint which their obligations as neutrals forced them to impose." In due course the interned brethren made an application to the Grand Lodge of England for a Warrant, but as the Grand Lodge of England cannot legally establish a Lodge in a territory already occupied by another Grand Lodge, they approached the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands with the request that they should grant a Charter, and permit them to use the English Ritual and the English language in the working of their ceremonies. The Grand Master of the Netherlands immediately acceded to the request, and instructed the Grand Orator to consecrate the Lodge which bears an unpronounceable Dutch name signifying "Hospitality." That name was chosen by the brethren in appreciation of the welcome they had been accorded by their Dutch comrades. The Consecrating Officer paid the foundation members the

compliment of using the English language in the consecration and installation ceremonies, which were attended by brethren from all parts of Holland.

Turning to the Western front, there are several Military Lodges with travelling warrants holding meetings and conferring Degrees behind the firing line and within the sound of the guns, notably the 7th Royal Irish Fusiliers, the 16th Royal Irish Rifles, and the 5th Royal Irish Lancers. I can well understand the comradeship and friendship the Craft would afford under such novel conditions.

It is said in certain quarters, and often repeated, that Freemasonry is a danger to the Navy and Army. So far as the Navy is concerned I will quote the words of Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., who was the Senior Admiral of the Fleet at the time of his death, which occurred only a few years back, and who had been a Mason for something like 60 years. He desired that it should be placed on record, "That, in his opinion, Freemasonry did a great deal of good in the Navy, that it was a useful and valuable link between the officer and the man, and that he had never known an instance where one of the latter class presumed on his fraternity with one of the former." These words were quoted and supported by Admiral Markham. Scores of Admirals from the great Nelson down have been members of the Craft, and have been proud of it.

The Army has still a closer connection with the Craft, and the long list of distinguished soldiers who have been active Freemasons in their time should dispel forever the suggestion that sinister motives and Masonic principles go together. Lord Combermere, who commanded the Allied cavalry under Wellington, and who afterwards held the military command in India, speaking as Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, said: "As a military man I can say, and I speak from experience, that I have known many soldiers who were Masons; I never knew a good Mason who was a bad soldier." Wellington, himself, was a Freemason, and often regretted that his military duties had prevented him from taking that active part which his feelings dictated, for it was his opinion that Freemasonry was beneficial to the individual and the community. Then there was Sir Ralph Abercrombie, who fell at Aboukir Bay; Sir John Moore, who fell at Corunna; Sir Charles Napier, the conqueror of Scinde; Sir John Inglis, the defender of Lucknow; General Outram, the Bayard of India; General Wolfe, the hero of Quebec; and scores of others. Coming down to our own time we have Viscount Wolseley, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Viscount French, General Sir A. H. McMahon, and many others. When we take a retrospect of the Military and the Craft and their association during the last two centuries, we often wonder if those who charge us with a revolutionary propaganda are really sincere.

A Lodge Charter Suspended.

The Board received a communication from a member of a Lodge enclosing an extract from the minutes, in which it

appeared that an attempt had been made to interfere with the secrecy of the ballot, and that the Master had made use of unbecoming and offensive language in connection with the incident.

The Board called for the Minute Book, and from a perusal of the minutes (which had been duly confirmed) it was found that the Master had made use of un-Masonic language when referring to the rejection of a candidate, and it further appeared that an attempt had been made to investigate the black-balling of the candidate, by the appointment of a committee to ascertain who had deposited the black ball.

The Board, having gone fully into the case, decided as follows:

(1) That the Master be strongly censured by the Board for un-Masonic language used by him at the regular meeting of the Lodge, when referring to the rejection of a candidate on the ballot, and that the letter conveying the notification of the censure be read in Open Lodge.

(2) That the Master and the Lodge were guilty of a grave Masonic offence in violating the secrecy of the ballot.

(3) That as the Lodge had offered nothing in extenuation or explanation of its conduct, the Charter of the Lodge be suspended for a period of three months, dating from 13th May.

Subsequently a communication was received by the Board from the Wor. Master and Immediate Past Master, acting on behalf of the Lodge. Therein were set forth expressions of regret, an admission that the penalty imposed by the Board was not out of proportion with the gravity of the offence, and a petition for the remission of the remainder of the sentence of suspension.

The Board, after mature deliberation, decided to grant the petition and to restore the Charter.

The following resolution was passed by Grand Lodge:

That for the duration of the war, and upon application being made, Lodges shall be entitled to a refund of all Grand Lodge dues payable on account of Brethren on Active Service as from the 1st January, 1915.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by a Committee of eight, each initialing his own work. The work is excellently done. Bro. McMullen did ample justice to Alberta, 1915.

Number of Lodges, 97; total membership, 4,108; net decrease, 17.

C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth-----Grand Master

J. D. Stevenson, Perth-----Grand Secretary

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